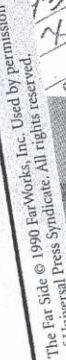


- Why** Traditional math puzzles may be a way of testing and sharpening your math skills. The concepts you learn from them may help you solve problems or make discoveries. Einstein used concepts from wind and current problems to investigate and make discoveries about the speed of light.



Math phobic's nightmare

A math phobic is a person who is afraid of math.

Traditional math puzzles like the one the angel in the cartoon is presenting may indeed seem frightening. To someone who doesn't understand them, they may seem almost impossible. But there are specific ways to approach problems of this type, and a study of them will sharpen your algebra skills.

Age Puzzles

If a person's age now is x , then 5 years from now the person's age will be $x + 5$.
Five years ago, the person's age was $x - 5$.

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