

Making Math Matter

Types of Math Mistakes

Silly Mistake

- I wrote the numbers or math wrong.
- I did not listen or follow the directions correctly.
- My work was too messy to read or understand.
- I did not line up my digits, commas or decimal points.

Quick Fix

- Stay focused and on task.
- Check the numbers in the problem.
- Read the directions again.
- Redo my work NEATLY.
- Check my problems & make sure things are lined up.

Math Mistake

(+) (-) (x) (\div)

- I did not add, subtract, multiply or divide correctly.

Quick Fix

- Use the inverse operation to check my work (+/-) (x/ \div)
- Redo the problem.
- Show my thinking with scratch work.

Process Mistake

- I did not follow the math rules or properties.
- I did not complete all of the steps or do them in order.
- I did not show my thinking for each step.
- I only did one step of a multi-step problem.

Quick Fix

- Redo the problem, including all steps.
- Follow the rules/steps again.
- Show my thinking by showing my work on each step.