

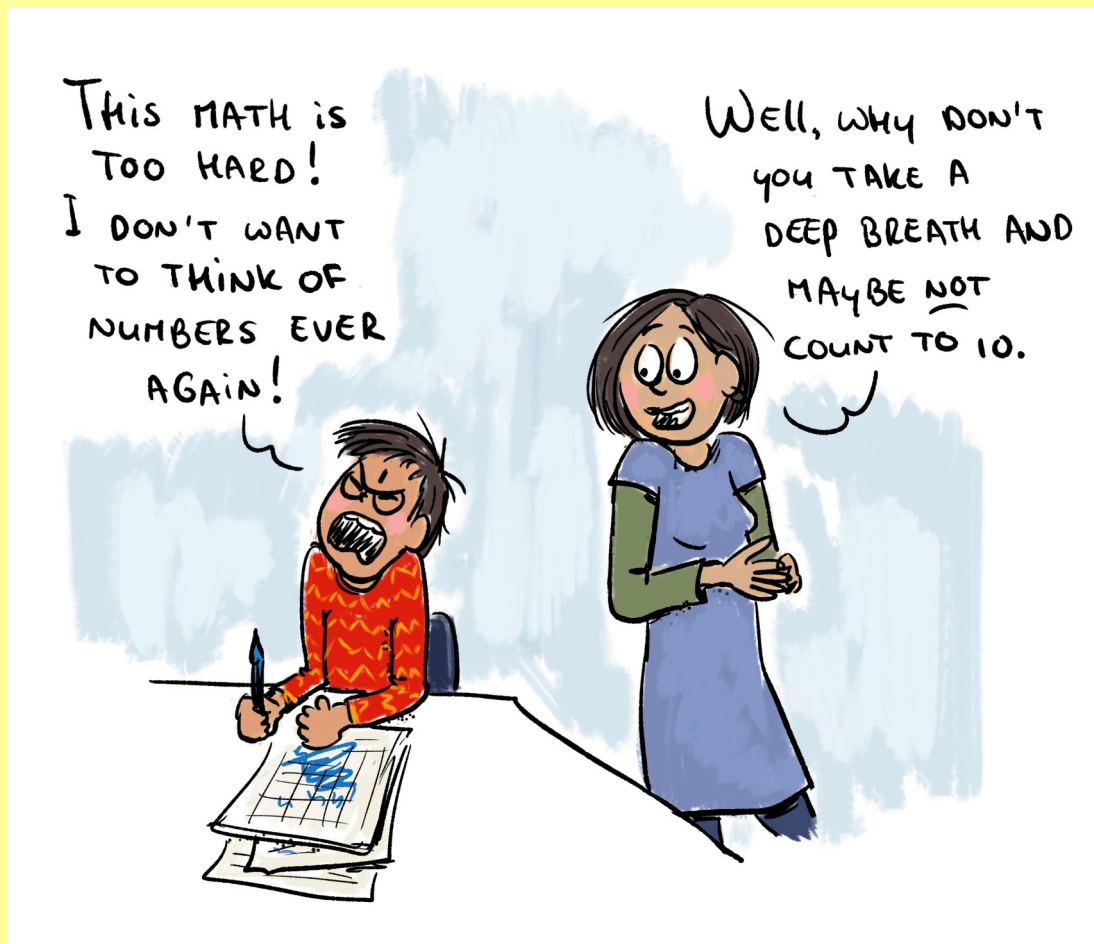
HOME SCHOOLING – TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

What should you say if your child got a wrong answer while working on something?

Imagine your child is working on a maths problem and trying very hard.

And when you look at their paper, you notice their answer is wrong.

What should you tell them not to undermine their confidence and discourage them from continuing?



The most important thing we need to remember is that in order for our children to grow confident, we need to coach them to look inward rather than seek validation from others.

So the best way to provide feedback to your child (good or bad) is to ASK them questions.

In this situation, if you see your child got an incorrect answer, ask them:

"Can you tell me how you got to this answer? Can you show me what you did?"

Usually, by showing you, they will be able to find the error.

If you see that they're still struggling to find the error, that's when you can say:

"Ok, you've got THIS part correct. See if you can figure out which part needs to be reworked".

If you see your child is getting frustrated, you can also say:

"The best thing about incorrect answers is that they provide a great chance to understand what we need to do differently and where we need to learn more. Incorrect answers give us so much useful information!"

Try these phrases with your child and you might notice how empowered and encouraged they are feeling.