

## Find a Persons Phone Number.

Ask a student get out a calculator. This could be done on paper but the numbers are very large and the work required ruins the fun. You may want to have a second student watch so they can check that the numbers are keyed in correctly.

Step 1. Have them input (or write down the first 3 digits (the 3 on the left) of their phone number.

Do not use the area code. You may give an example like 452-2134 the first 3 are 452.

Step 2. Ask them to multiply that number by 80.

Step 3. Ask them to add 1 to that number.

Step 4. Ask them to multiply that number by 250.

Step 5. Ask them add the last 4 digits of their phone number (the 4 on the left)

Step 6. Ask them add the last 4 digits of their phone number again.

Step 7. Ask them to subtract 250 from that number.

Step 8. Ask them to divide that number by 2.

**Example 1:** Their phone number is 933-2567

Step 1. 933

Step 2.  $933 \cdot 80 = 74640$

Step 3.  $74640 + 1 = 74641$

Step 4.  $74641 \cdot 250 = 18660250$

Step 5.  $18660250 + 2567 = 18662817$

Step 6.  $18662817 + 2567 = 18665384$

Step 7.  $18665384 - 250 = 18665134$

Step 8.  $18665134 / 2 = 933-2567$

### Explanation:

Let  $x$  = 1st three digits of phone number and let  $y$  = last 4 digits of phone number

Step 1.  $x$

Step 2.  $80x$

Step 3.  $80x + 1$

Step 4.  $250(80x + 1) = 20000x + 250$

Step 5.  $20000x + 250 + y$

Step 6.  $20000x + 250 + 2y$

Step 7.  $20000x + 2y$

Step 8.  $(20000x + 2y) / 2 = 10,000x + y$

$x$  (which represents your first three digits of your phone number) is multiplied by 10000, which moves it over 4 places and then  $y$  is put in the four places on the right.