

# Chain of numbers

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**This task is about continuing number patterns and finding a rule.**

A chain of numbers begins:  $1 \rightarrow 3$

This could be continued several ways.

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 9$$

a) What is the rule for continuing this chain? \_\_\_\_\_

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 27 \rightarrow 81$$

b) What is the rule for continuing this chain? \_\_\_\_\_

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 31 \rightarrow 63$$

c) What is the rule for continuing this chain? \_\_\_\_\_

Make up a different chain by writing down the next three numbers.

The chain starts with:  $1 \rightarrow 3$  and keeps getting bigger.

d) i)

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow \square \rightarrow \square \rightarrow \square$$

Write the rule for the chain you have written.

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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