SOME REASONS FOR DISLIKING MATH

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Mathematics is a very important subject as it is applicable in everyday life of every individual. Upon waking up in the morning, you look at the time. You try to predict how much time you need to take a bath, the time you need to have your meal and the time to spend in going to school or office. When you are given money, you calculate and budget it for snack, transportation and other expenses. Spending money also implies knowing how much to pay and how much balance to expect. When you cook, you calculate how many cups of rice is good for the family. Calculating how much water and electricity is consumed for the month....all of these is about Mathematics.

Mathematics is indeed useful in our daily tasks but many students fail to realize its importance. Some students do not take it seriously that’s why some pupils have reached grade six without mastery of the basics.

Is Mathematics really a difficult subject? Why some students hate or dislike it? Should we also consider a teacher factor?

Here are some reasons why some students dislike mathematics according to Bright Math:

Lack of stimulation. Some students find mathematics as boring and stressful so they hate it. Teachers must help students to be inspired with the subject. Motivate them to arouse their interest.
Student-teacher relationship. Some teachers are strict in nature so some students dislike them. If students hate the teacher for no reason or maybe because he is strict, then they will also hate the subject the teacher is handling.

Student self-expectation. Some students have instilled in their minds that they will never pass Mathematics. They made some conclusions for themselves that they cannot excel in Mathematics. They know for themselves that whatever they do, they will never pass so they dislike Mathematics.

Drill overkill. Doing routines is one of the most boring things. When a teacher spends very long time, teaching the same topic, the student could become disinterested leading to dislike of the subject. Students always want something new and interesting so teachers should always be innovative. Find new strategies to kill boredom with the routines.

Teacher assumption. Students hate Mathematics because teachers assume that all students already know the previous lessons so they instantly start with new lesson. Teachers should assess prior knowledge before starting with new lesson. Students will find difficulty coping with the new lesson if teachers do not review past lessons especially with previous lessons which are pre-requisites of the new lesson.

Teacher competence. Others say, you can’t give what you cannot have. Some teachers do not have adequate knowledge in teaching Mathematics. When students sensed it, then they will start disliking it. On the other hand, some have the knowledge, but they lack passion and ability to impart the knowledge.

Lack of teaching materials. Students hate Math due to lack of teaching materials like workbooks, textbooks, visual aids, and other materials needed for learning process. Making use of varied teaching materials increase pupils interest on the subject.
So in order for the students to like mathematics, Math teachers should teach the subject with a heart and enthusiasm. Make the subject an exciting Math not a boring Math. Find strategies to introduce numbers and calculations in an interesting way so as to capture the interest of the students.

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