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# Maths as others see it

Applying mathematics

### Vox pops:

... I use maths as part of my everyday life, in work, at home ...

... I'm using maths in the way of measurements, I suppose everyday ...

... A lot of the work we do involves figures. You know, even your cost of living, working out how much mortgage you've got to pay and the rest of it ...

... I've got two children so when they're at school they bring their homework home and I have to help them with that ...

... It's more of the domestic side of my life where mathematics comes in ...

... If you're talking about measurements, estimating, quantifying, then I suppose I would say I use maths ...

... Every single hour probably. Maths is part of life ...

#### Mark Hanson:

The term 'mathematician' means to me a mathematics professional, so somebody who actually maybe teaches maths or studies maths at university or whatever. So I wouldn't consider myself to be a mathematician. But, on reflection, I probably am somebody who uses maths day to day, and if that's a mathematician then I think we're a nation of mathematicians

## Emma Prescott:

Yes, I do use mathematics in my daily life, and if that's how you would perceive mathematics, then yes I suppose I am a mathematician ...

#### **Trevor Arnold:**

Well, if you say that what I'm doing makes me a mathematician, then I'll take that as a compliment. Thanks very much.