Grades 5-8 (S), 9 (S)

Duration: 10-20 min
Tools: one Logifaces Set / class
Individual work

Keywords: Number systems

MATHS / NUMBERS

## DESCRIPTION

Heights of Logifaces blocks are marked with numbers 1,2 and 3 . Numbers $0,1,2,3$ are representing digits in the number system with the basis 4 . Students convert these numbers into numbers written in the base 10 number system.

## SOLUTIONS / EXAMPLES

There are a few examples in the following lines.
EXAMPLE 1:

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111_{(4)} 21_{(10)}
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Proof: ${ }^{111_{(4)}}=1 \times 4^{2}+1 \times 4^{1}+1 \times 4^{0}=16+4+1=21_{(10)}$

## EXAMPLE 2 :

$311_{(4)} \longrightarrow 53_{(10)}$


Proof: $311_{(4)}=3 \times 4^{2}+1 \times 4^{1}+1 \times 4^{0}=3 \times 16+4+1=53_{(10)}$
Note that if we represent the same block with a different sequence of numbers, we get a different numeric value:
$113_{(4)} \longrightarrow 23_{(10)}$
$131_{(4)} \longrightarrow 29_{(10)}$
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE
Exponentiation of numbers, Division of numbers, Remainder in division.
RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS
As a similar exercise, we recommend exercise 306 - Binary System. This exercise is suitable for drawing students' attention to the fact that the same Logifaces block can be coded with different strings of numbers.

