**Investigation – Sequences across the world**

**Q1.** The first number in a sequence of numbers is

5

Think of five different rules to continue the sequence, and write down what comes next and what the rule for the sequence is.

For example: 5, 7, 9, the rule is add two.

Think about rules that involve adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing and combinations of these.

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| Sequence | Rule |
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**Q2**. In Japan, maths puzzles are very popular. These puzzles are written for Japanese newspapers.

 



In each line of numbers, they go up the same amount each time.

Try to solve these puzzles:





**Q3**. The third number in a sequence is 13. The sequence goes up by the same amount each time.

What could the sequence be?

Example: The sequence could be 3, 8, 13,18. The sequence starts at 3 and goes up by 5.

Give 5 possibilities for what the sequence could be.

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| Sequence | Starts at  | Goes up in  |
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What do you notice about the number that it starts at and the number it goes up in? It might help to work systematically here – where could the sequence start? What does it have to go up in?

Investigate and explain.