

Using Microsoft Excel to solve the Jinx Puzzle

Directions:

1. Open Microsoft Excel and create a new workbook.
2. In cell A1, type "Jinx Calculator".
3. In cell A3, type "pick a number".
4. In cell A4, type "Add 11".
5. In cell B3, type " =B3+11"

	A	B
1	Jinx Calculator	
2		
3	Pick a number	
4	Add 11	=B3+11

Continue down the column until you have typed in all the steps and correct formulas to the puzzle as shown in the box below.

	A	B
1	Jinx Calculator	
2		
3	Pick a number	
4	Add 11	=B3+11
5	Multiply by 6	=B4*6
6	Subtract 3	=B5-3
7	Divide by 3	=B6/3
8	Add 5	=B7+5
9	Divide by 2	=B8/2
10	Subtract original #	=B9-B3

6. Once you have completed your spreadsheet, type in a number, say 6, in cell B3 to make sure your spreadsheet is working.