

Heymath, an online learning programme, is designed to make maths easy for children.

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YOU might have a phobia for numerals and decimals. Check out or subscribe to Heymath, an internet based learning system, designed to help you overcome your fear of math.

The programme is developed specifically to tackle the confusion faced by students when they work on a mathematical problem.

According to Nirmala Sankaran, CEO, Heymath, the course is mainly designed for children above 10 years. "Heymath, which hopes to break the myth that math is tough is designed for students above the age of ten. This is because at this age children start exploring technologies and can be independent learners," explains Nirmala.

The programme involves a library of animated online lessons, interactive activities and assessment modules, to name a few features. Says Nirmala, "Maths requires a consolidated learning. If a student gets stuck with a particular concept or method, he or she cannot move forward. In Heymath, we remove the abstract nature and explain the 'why' and the 'how' of concepts, while making connections with real-life applications."

Heymath is applicable to teachers and students as well. It helps teachers to teach and assess, while it allows the students (particularly between grade 5-12) to learn at their own pace.

"We target the confused

Breaking myth about math



Maths is much more fun now

students (who are confused with how their teachers teach, the anxious parents and the frustrated teacher," she points out.

Those who subscribe to Heymath can interact with their fellow students from anywhere in the globe. "We encourage peers or students to assist each other when they encounter a problem. But, for those who want a personalised service (when they are stuck while solving math problems), we have the helpline where responses are usually provided within 24 hours," reveals Nirmala.

Heymath is implemented

at several progressive schools in Singapore and India. Says Nirmala Sankaran, "Heymath is applicable to all school boards" (particularly the CBSE and the ICIC). The package is priced at Rs 600 for an annual subscription.

Many leading schools in India adopt the programme and there are many others, who subscribe to it at home (the fee is slightly higher for home subscription).

HeyMath is recommended by the Millennium Mathematics Project of the University of Cambridge.