

NE709 The science of learning

Stress-inducing test answers

1. $5 \times 10 = 50$.
2. Is a frog a mammal? No.
3. $\sqrt{16} = 4$.
4. A black hole is a place in space where gravity pulls so much that even light cannot get out. The gravity is so strong because matter has been squeezed into a tiny space. This can happen when a star is dying. Because no light can get out, people can't see black holes. They are invisible.
5. $13 \times 13 = 169$
6. $97 - 149 = -52$

This was an exaggeration of a stressful situation. As you will have discovered, we added a number of 'stressful' elements to this test:

- Some of you may have been wondering where the missing questions went. We said there were 9 questions, when in fact there were only 6. This may have been preoccupying you from answering the final question.
- We gave you little time to complete each question.
- We set up the expectation that this was an easy test.
- There was ominous music in the background and sound effects such as a heartbeat, ticking clock and alarm.