Target one

You will need one die numbered 1 - 6.

Enter a number between 10 and 60 into your calculator. Throw the die. You are allowed to use the number you have thrown and the following keys only:

56

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Your target is to get the calculator to display 1, or as near to 1 as you can get.

Record the steps you use (you may not use more than 10 steps).

For example:

Number chosen Number on die

Calculator display

Step 1 56

Step 2 23

Step 3 69

72 Step 4

Step 5 24

Step 6 30

Step 7 10

Step 8 3.3333333

Step 9 1.1111111 Keys pressed:

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Tip: You may use more than one operation key in each step, but be careful about the order in which you press the keys.

If you get a negative number you may wish to start again.

EXTRA!

Try again using a new number. Compare your answer with a friend's and discuss your solutions.