

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING...

WRITING/EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Ask your pupils to imagine that Kjartan Poskitt has asked them to produce an advertisement for *The Murderous Maths of Everything*. The advert can take the form of a poster, and should include the following things:

- Images
- Synopsis

Persuasive techniques to encourage readers to buy the book (Teachit has a good sheet with examples of these).

Pupils must remember to take account of purpose and audience.

(EXA 3-02A, ENG 3-27A)

WRITING/READING

Use the poem *Mathematics* as a starter activity. The pupils' task is to try and work out what is going on in the poem. This poem was written by a teenager, and is based on listening to his maths teacher trying to deliver a lesson. You can get your pupils to write a poem based on the mathematical concepts they have found easy and difficult.

(LIT 3-14A, LIT 3-15A, LIT 3-16A, LIT 3-25A, LIT 3-26A)

Mathematics by pupil aged 14

The square on you're late
 hurry up equals the square
 on the homework on that
 pile and therefore where's
 yours equals that but only
 when that's no excuse you're in
 half multiplied by the sum
 of this form is stupid I'll
 keep you all divided by ten
 of you will be in trouble
 if you don't by the area of
 a triangle equals the last
 straw I'll take you to the
 ten to four you can go