

## Do we really need to learn trigonometry?

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This is [my YouTube short of the day](#) - based on my frustration that schools teach maths that is irrelevant to 99.8% of the population and ignore budgeting and tax:



The transcript is:

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*Do we really need to learn trigonometry at school?*

*It's a question I've been asking since I was about 17 when I was asked to calculate the surface area of a slice through a cone.*

*Why did I need to know how to do it then?*

*No idea.*

*Have I ever used it since?*

*Never.*

*Was I taught about anything useful, like how to calculate VAT?*

*No.*

*Did I ever get taught about how to calculate my tax affairs?*

*No.*

*Was I ever taught how to do lots of other really useful things in life, like a percentage markup on a product which I was going to sell?*

*No.*

*I was taught useless trigonometry.*

*Are we being taught the right maths in schools?*

*Ask your politicians at this election because I bet most of you have got a story similar to mine.*

*You didn't learn what you needed to know. You did learn what you didn't need to know.*

*Maths is failing us if it teaches us nonsense that we're never going to use.*

*Make it an election issue.*