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0:00 James I got to add the odd number. Because you know zero plus one... zero plus one is one. One plus three is...

0:10 Ariel It's just adding three. You find the answer easily. 1 plus 3 is 4. 4 plus 3 is 7. 7 plus 3 is 10. You just keep on adding three and you get all of your answers.
[Ariel extends the table by writing the next pair as 7 and 21.]

0:21 G4 So, Ariel let me ask you, what would you get for twenty-five? Because James got what he got for twenty-five. I want to see if it is the same.

0:30 Ariel I just got one thing...

0:35 G1 You are trying to find for twenty-five? Ariel?
[Ariel keeps writing something in his sheet.]

0:47 Ariel Seventy six.

0:48 G4 Seventy six?

0:49 Ariel Yeah.

0:50 James Seventy-six for what?

0:52 Ariel For, what's the name, what was the one again?

0:55 G4 Twenty-five

0:55 Ariel Yeah, twenty-five.

0:56 G1 How you got seventy-six?

0:56 James It's not no seventy-six, it's eighty!

0:57 Ariel First, ten times two [writes 10×2 , he has extended the table till 10 in the X column and 30 in the Y column] the thing of it is thirty [pointing to 30 in the Y column and changes the 10 in 10×2] so then it would be 30 times 2 is 60 then 5 is 16, plus 16 is 76.

1:17 James Ten plus five is fifteen.

1:20 Ariel What happened?

1:21 James Ten plus five is fifteen!

1:23 Ariel What happened?

1:24 James Ten plus five is fifteen!

1:26 Ariel OK.

1:30 G1 Why did you do times two, can you tell me?

1:33 Ariel Oh, because she said twenty-five, so the thing for ten is thirty and ten times two is twenty, so thirty times two is sixty, that will be twenty, and then for the five is sixteen.

1:46 James What? This is what I got. I got eighty.

1:51 James [pointing to something that he has written] Five times five is twenty-five. Five times eleven is fifty-five. Five times sixteen is eighty because I just found that out. So I got eighty.
[The camera focuses on what James has written in his paper:
Every number
+ odd #]

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2:08 James [Ariel is writing on his paper and mumbling some numbers]
Ten times eight is eighty.

2:10 Ariel Huh?
[Ariel is writing in his paper and James is mumbling some numbers.]

2:16 James ... and then thirty times eight is ...

2:18 Ariel Two hundred and forty.
[Ariel is extending the table as follows:

X	Y
0	1
1	4
2	7
3	10
4	13
5	16
6	19
7	21
8	24
9	27
10	30
11	33
12	36
13	39
14	42
15	45
16	48
17	51
18	54
19	57
20	60
21	63
22	66
23	69
24	72
25	75]

2:46 Ariel Seventy-five. Seventy-five.

2:51 G4 [to Ariel] So Ariel what do we get here? If X equals twenty-five, then what does Y equal?

2:55 Ariel Huh?

2:56 G4 If X equals twenty-five, so Y equals?

2:59 Ariel Seventy-five.

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3:01 G4 [to James] And James you said when X equals twenty-five, what does Y equal?

3:07 James Huh?

3:08 G4 [to James] When X equals twenty-five, what is Y equal?

3:11 James Eighty.

3:12 G4 Eighty, so Ariel got seventy-five and you got eighty [to James]. So what do you guys think?

3:16 Ariel [looking at his work] Oh, wait a minute. It is seventy-six. If you follow my rule, [pointing to what he has written on paper] twenty-five times ... oh, wait a minute [putting his forefingers on his temples] so I must have messed up somewhere because twenty-five times three is seventy-five plus one is seventy-six like I got up here [looks at G4].

3:29 G4 [to James] What do you think James?

3:30 James [looking at his work in the paper] I got eighty. I don't see how he got it? Well, I'm going to go by my rule. [mumbles something to G4]

3:36 Ariel Just do the rule on the number. Twenty-five times three plus one ... but, wait a minute. Do you even have the same rule as me?

3:43 James [mumbles and shakes his head]

3:44 Ariel Exactly! You have a different rule. That's why!

3:49 James [writing in his paper] But my rule worked. Twenty-five ...

3:53 Ariel [shuffling his papers] Like this one had two different rules. It could have more than one rule.
[Ariel makes some funny noises, adjusts his clothing and finally becomes conscious of the camera. James keeps writing in his paper and is mumbling inaudibly as he is writing.]

4:12 James [to Ariel] Seventy-six.

4:13 Ariel Seventy-six? Yeahhh!

4:16 G4 But no, see, look, because you have your way [pointing to James] and you have your way [pointing to Ariel] and at first you had different numbers. But then you did your way, [pointing to James] you stuck to your way and then you got to seventy-six. So, I want you to explain to each other what's your rule [pointing to James] and what's your rule [pointing to Ariel].

4:28 Ariel Mine is times three plus one.

4:30 G4 [to James] And you explain what your rule is?

4:32 James Mine is every number odd add in order like plus one, plus three, plus five.

4:39 G4 What are you adding that plus one, plus three, plus five to?

4:42 James To X?

4:42 Ariel Hmm? [looking closely at James's paper] What do you say?

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- 4:44 James [pointing to the table in his paper] I start off with one, then add the next number by three, then add the next number by five, then seven, then nine, add odd number in that order.
- 4:53 Ariel [looking at James' paper and moving his head vigorously]
- 4:53 G4 [to Ariel] Does that make sense to you?
- 4:55 Ariel Yeah!