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1	0:00	R1	Oh, okay. Maybe R2 could give you a challenge problem.
2		Ariel	Okay.
3		R2	I'm not sure they are done with that one yet.
4		R1	Oh, okay.
5		Ariel	I'm done.
6		R1	What is it?
7		Ariel	You add one to the y. It's a pattern. For every number you add one to what you're going to come out with.
8		R3	If I say twenty, what would the y be in that case? If I say twenty.
9		Ariel	(Ariel mumbles some numbers while calculating for twenty) It's thirty-eight.
10		R1	I don't think that, I don't think that's right.
11	0:31	Ariel	What? You want me to prove it? The ten is half of twenty, that'd be nine. Nine times two is eighteen. It would be adding the eighteen.
12		R1	Oh, that's good, that's good. I like that. So, oh! You would be adding the eighteen.
13		Ariel	It would be thirty-eight.
14		R1	Why are you adding twenty to eighteen?
15		Ariel	Huh? I'm not, No Yeah, I'm adding eighteen to twenty. Cause of this pattern I saw that
16		R1	It's going up by two, right?

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17		Ariel	Yeah, it goes
18		R1	Shouldn't you be adding the nineteen?
19		R3	But here it's not (inaudible) to get one, its like if you add zero
20	1:07	Ariel	Exactly! Nineteen times two is thirty-eight.
21		R3	One plus zero, one. Two plus one, three. Three plus two, five.
22		R1	Four plus three, seven.
23		R3	So he's not seeing the difference this time.
24		R1	Could you give me a formula? Like they had before?
25		Ariel	That's the hard part. Well, that's like add one
26		R3	Well, what's the answer for twenty? How much is for twenty?
27		Ariel	Huh?
28		R3	For twenty is how much?
29		Ariel	For twenty it's thirty-eight.
30		R3	Are you sure?
31	1:43	Ariel	Yes, cause ten times two is twenty. So you just got to multiply the things you did for this. And nine times two is eighteen and nineteen times two is thirty-eight and you get your answer.
32		R3	Really?
33		Ariel	Yeah, you get your answer.

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34		R3	If you go on, would you get thirty-eight?
35		Ariel	Yeah. I would do it right now. [Begins to calculate all the values up to twenty on his paper in a table format. Video cuts to him at x=12] (inaudible) It's 23, 25, (saying and writing the y values) 27, 29, 31, 33. I'm getting closer. Thirty No, it's, this is 35. I'm getting closer Wait a minute. How the crap am I wrong? I did something wrong, I did something wrong, I think. Yeah, I did something wrong, I did something wrong.
36	2:53	R3	Is one of those answers wrong?
37		Ariel	I think.
38		R3	The ones that you just got? So, how did you get this thirty-eight again? You said ten, nineteen times two? How big is ten, twenty is two times ten.
39		Ariel	Yeah, nineteen times two is thirty-eight.
40		R3	So that's why you think that the number that goes with twenty is thirty-eight. Okay, but if you do this
41		Ariel	I don't know why! [Ariel is trying to figure out where he made his mistake] Wait a minute, if you're coming from I know, I just had it in my head. Okay, so if it's thirty-nine then it must have added twenty. So it's doing two, yeah! Exactly, cause it keeps on adding two, two, two, two (etc.). And ten times two equals twenty and here it was nineteen and it added twenty. This plus twenty equals 39, which is that right there (pointing to the paper).
42	4:02	R3	So, how did you get the answer?
43		Ariel	Ten, and you're going to have to go ten more numbers to get to twenty. Cause ten plus ten is twenty. So I did ten times

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			two, cause it keeps on going up by two, to get you twenty. Then you add twenty to that nineteen and it get you thirtynine.
44		R3	I don't understand how you got the nineteen. Okay, this nineteen here (pointing at the paper)?
45		Ariel	Yeah, this nineteen there (pointing at the ten on the paper). Cause it came out of the thing, nineteen.
46		R3	So you double this number? Twenty?
47		Ariel	Yeah, I doubled that No, I didn't double that. What I did was, cause since you're going ten numbers down and it keeps on adding two every number. So ten down, times two is twenty. So when it would get to the twenty it would have to be thirty-nine, cause you are adding twenty to that (pointing to the paper). So its two, four, six, eight two, four, six. Oh yeah, I got two, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty (counting on his fingers as well). And that's ten more numbers.
48	4:58	R3	So just add ten. Okay, that's nice, Okay.