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**JUST FOR KIDS**

# BECAUSE OF RUN DMC

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# RUN DMC RUNNING THE RAP GAME

You will learn about Run DMC, a **famous** rap group, known by many, many people and their contributions to rap and the Black community. The rap below, to the tune of one of Run DMC's very popular songs called "It's Like That", will help you to learn about Run DMC and how they made history as rap artists and DJ's. There are two QR codes that you can use. One is for the original songs and video, and the other one is to listen to a version with just the music and no words that you can use the lyrics below to rap to.

**Run DMC** is a group from Queens  
They made raps, they made records, they  
made people scream  
Won the first gold rap album with their  
three-man team

It was like that and that's the way it was

Run DMC brought in a whole new sound  
Mixing funk with their rhymes, they were  
breaking it down  
I said first hip hop stars, they  
would take the crown

It was like that and that's the way it was  
Huh

Changed the rap style with their **signature**  
clothes

**Snazzy** hat, stylish sweats,  
and some chains made of gold  
And tell me who else had over  
230 million sold?

It was like that and that's the way it was



First rap group on MTV  
First song and first award in 1983  
**Devastating Mic Controller** was the DMC

It was like that and that's the way  
it was

Huh

So many albums and many shows  
History made at MTV, VH1, and  
the Rock & Roll  
Hall of Fame and made so much  
history some don't even know

It was like that and that's the way it was



Run DMC "It's Like  
That" music Video



Run DMC "It's Like That"  
song without words

# READ & RESPOND

1. Based on line 3 of the song/poem, how many members were in the group Run DMC?

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2. How many records did Run DMC sell?

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3. What are two words in the text that have to do with your five senses (see, hear, feel, smell, touch) or describe something about the music or fashion of Run DMC?

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# MATH RHYME

Read the math rap below and use it to create steps to solve the long division problems below. Use the QR code to watch the full video and help you.

## Addition Song

Numbers help us keep a beat.  
Not too fast, not too slow  
The better you can add, my friend,  
the higher you will go.

Now when they ask you to do addition,  
They may say plus, or add, or and  
But I know they all mean the very same thing

Get busy, do addition with the rap and roll band

## Subtraction Song

(start around 11:02)

Take away, take away some numbers  
Subtract

Take a number from another number  
Minus, subtract, or take away

No different, they all mean the same  
Take it away, take it away

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A stylized, hand-drawn signature in black ink that reads "BOTWC\*" with a heart shape over the 'O' and a star over the 'C'. The signature is positioned in the lower right area of the page, overlapping a background of wavy lines.

## GLOSSARY

**Famous** - known or recognized by very many people; having fame

**Signature** - something (such as a quality or feature) that is closely associated with someone or something

**Snazzy** - attractive and stylish

**Devastating Mic Controller** - Run DMC is the name that the three members of the group used; the DMC came from their name and stood for Devastating Mic Controller

# MATH RHYME

*Use the rap to write out the steps of addition and subtraction rules below to help you determine if you have to add or subtract. Write how you know, and then solve the problem.*

**1. There are 5 kids on bikes at the park and 4 more come.  
How many are there now?**



**2. Keisha has 7 toys in her room plus her sister has 5 toys.  
How many toys do they have altogether?**

**3. There were 13 cards in the card deck and Ken had to take away 3.  
How many cards are there?**

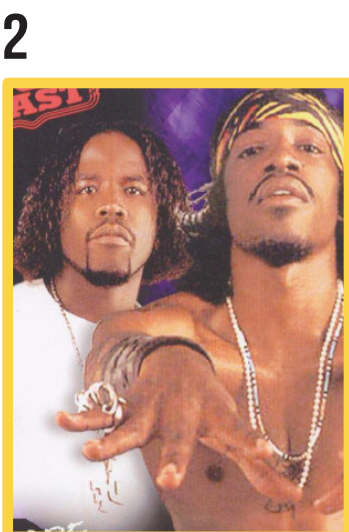
**4. I have 12 video games plus the three my mom just bought for my birthday.  
How many do I have?**

**5. There are 16 cupcakes minus the dozen cupcakes that Malika is taking to her  
class. How many cupcakes are there?**

# FAVORITE FIRST



There are many people in the Black community who have made history in music. Most types of music came from instruments, traditions, and musical tones from different Black cultures. There are many firsts in music, or Black people who became the first to do something amazing in music. Below you will match a person or group to the amazing thing that they did.



**MC Hammer**  
was the first rapper to have an album go diamond

**Kurtis Blow**  
was the first rapper to appear on national TV (*Soul Train*)

**Run DMC**  
was the first rap group with a certified gold album

**Outkast**  
was the first rap group with a million downloads on iTunes

**Sugarhill Gang**  
was the first rap group to have a hip hop single on the top billboards

ANSWERS, PICTOFACTS: (1) Run DMC (2) Outkast (3) Sugarhill Gang (4) Kurtis Blow (5) MC Hammer

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

**I WILL HONOR**  
THE SACRIFICES OF  
MY ANCESTORS.

**I WILL BELIEVE**  
IN ME.

**I WILL PURSUE**  
MY DREAMS.

**I WILL HELP**  
OTHERS ALONG  
THE WAY.