Sunscreen Statistics

National Sun Awareness Week 4th - 10th May 2020

National Sun
Awareness Week is
part of the British
Association of
Dermatologists'
annual campaign
to raise awareness
of skin cancer. Skin
cancer can make
you really ill, and can
even kill. This is why
you should always
wear sunscreen
when it's very sunny!

1. After applying sunscreen, you should wait 20 minutes before going outside. How many seconds is this?



- 2. Most sunscreens don't go out of date for approximately 2 years. How many months is this?
- 3. Waterproof sunscreens lose some of their effectiveness after 40 minutes in the water. What fraction of an hour is this?
- 4. 80% of people don't apply sunscreen before going outside. In an office with 60 workers, how many would not apply sunscreen before going outside?

Brainteaser!

A sunscreen's Sun Protection Factor (SPF) number refers to the factor by which it enhances a person's natural sun protection. If someone normally burns in 20 minutes, then a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 would protect them for 300 minutes (SPF 15 \times 20 minutes = 300 minutes).

If a person normally burns in 15 minutes, how long would a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 protect them for? Give your answer in hours and minutes.

