The use of GeoGebra to motivate, to present and to deepen the comprehension of math

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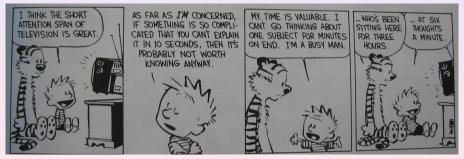
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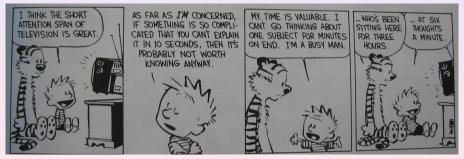
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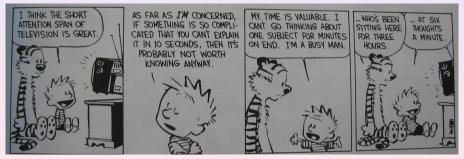
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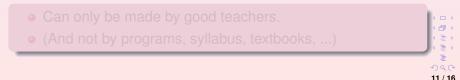
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