

## Recording Facts: Shakuntala Devi



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**When taking notes, it is important to record information in your own words. Copying what someone else has written is against the law.**

**Read this biography of Shakuntala Devi.**

Shakuntala Devi was known as “The Human Computer.” When she was very young, her father tried to teach her card tricks. However, she would always beat him because she could remember all the numbers in the cards she was shown! Within the next year, she was showing off her skills at local schools, and was a famous math whiz by her teens. When she figured out a problem, she was often faster than a computer. In 1977, she found out the 23rd root of a 201-digit number (in other words, a really tough math problem!) in less than a minute. She made history again in 1980, when she multiplied two 13-digit numbers in just 28 seconds. She was put in the 1982 *Guinness Book of World Records* for her talent.

**Rewrite the sentences from this paragraph in your own words. The first two sentences have been done for you.**

1. *Shakuntala Devi's nickname was "The Human Computer."*
2. *When she was young, her father tried to teach her card tricks.*
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