

# Develop Numeracy Skills to Dispel Math Myths

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#### Problem

- Numeracy is considered only for those "born with mathematical ability"
- Hinders innovation in U.S. curriculum

#### Solution

- Video game
- Incorporates JUMP Math's confidence building curriculum
- Fun and interactive way of presenting JUMP Math concepts

# Pre-Test and Survey

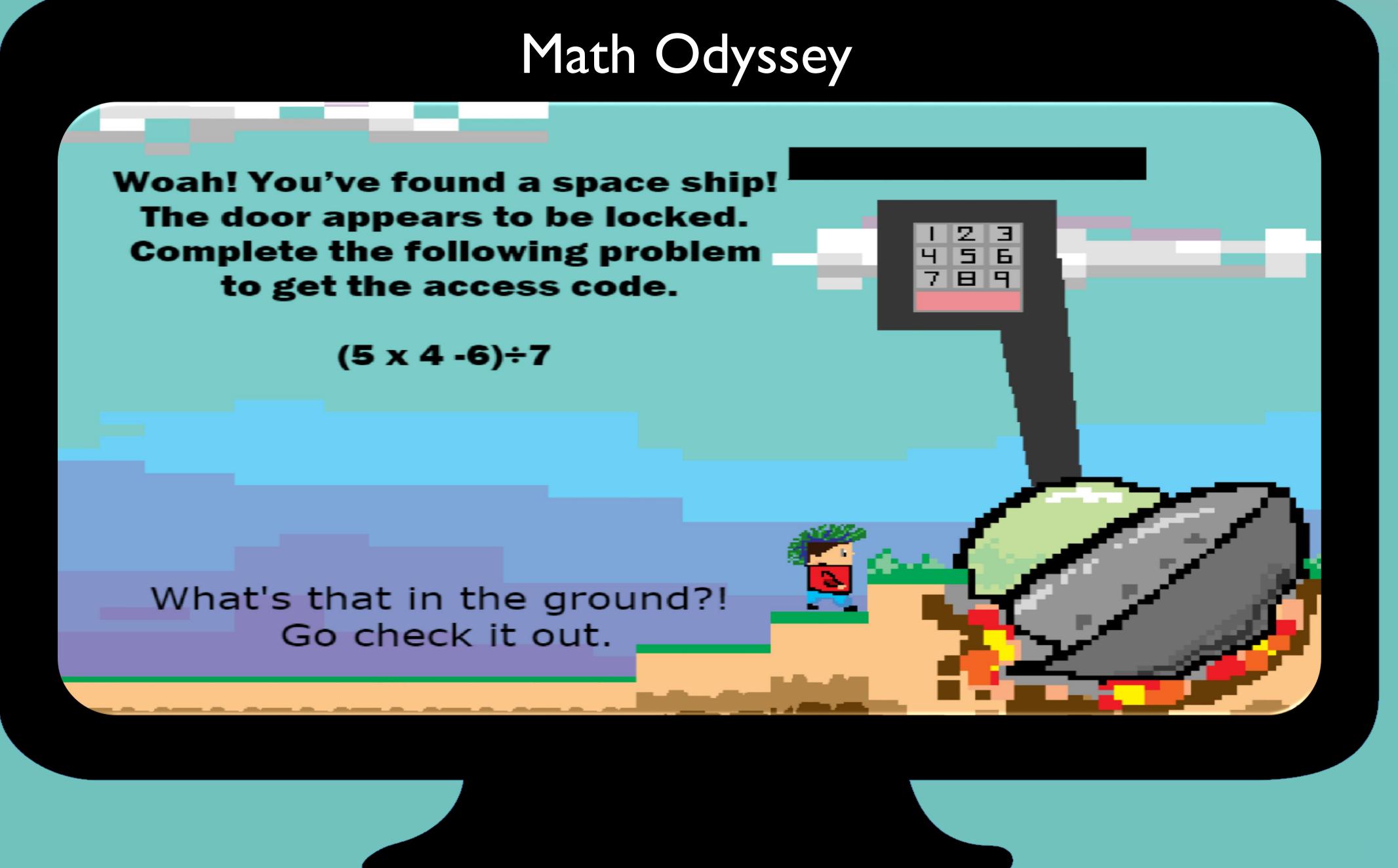
- 7 Math questions
- 7 Survey questions

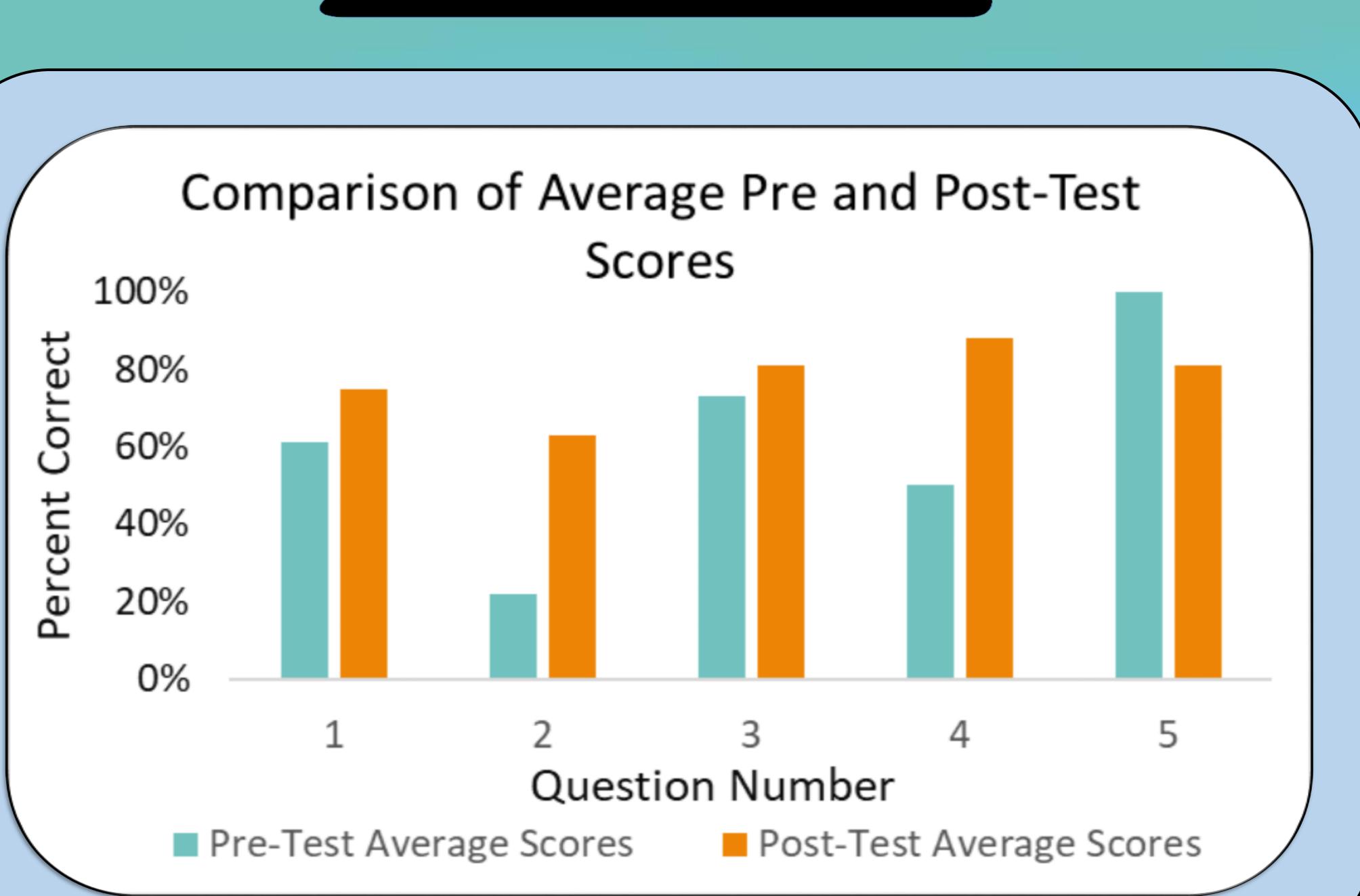
# Game: Math Odyssey

- 4 Major levels
- Learning based game play

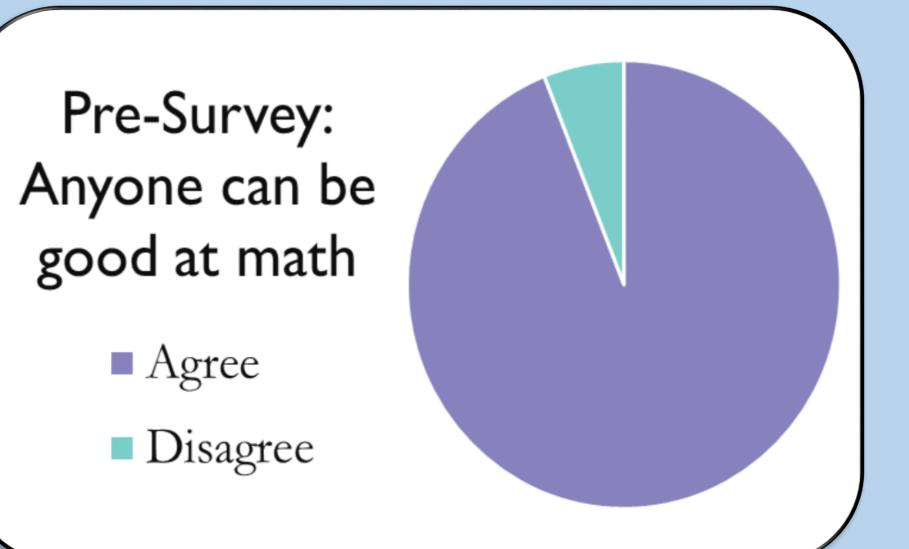
# Post-Test and Survey

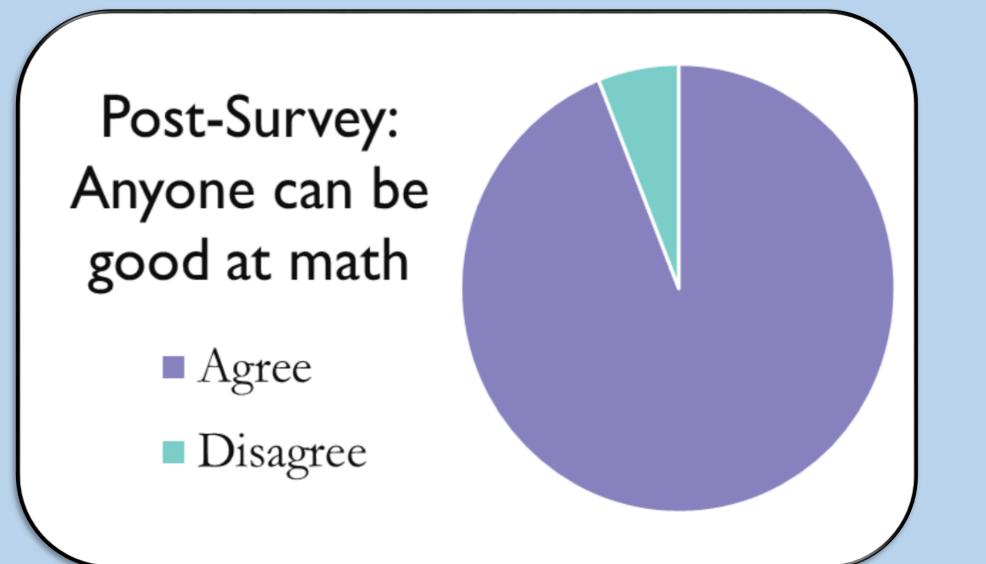
- 5 Math questions
- 11 Survey questions





# Survey Data





#### Conclusion

- Data suggests improved numeracy skills
- Survey data suggests the game was fun and interactive

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