How to Open a Combination Lock

This simple “cheat sheet” can help you remember how to open your combination lock at school. Cut out this list of steps and fill it in with the numbers in your combination. Keep it somewhere handy like the inside cover of your daily planner so it’s easy to find whenever you need it.

Step 1
Turn the dial 2 full turns to the right, so you pass “0” twice.

Then stop at ______. (This is the first number in your combination.)
Stop when it lines up with the triangle at the top of the lock.

Step 2
Turn the dial 1 full turn to the left past the first number in your combination.

Then stop at ______. (This is the second number in your combination.)

Step 3
Turn the dial to the right and stop the first time ______ lines up with the triangle. (This is the last number in your combination.)

Pull down to open the lock.

If the lock doesn’t open after step 3, go back to step 1 and try again. Slow down. Take a deep breath. And remember: You can always ask a teacher or custodian for help.