I found a letter from you, dated St David's Day 1991, discussing Sam's weakness at maths and how a combined approach was going to be necessary to get her through common entrance. You said that she didn't "understand the basic concept of numbers" and then gave an example of 2010 – 20, which she had computed to be 1090.

When I mentioned this to her a couple of nights ago, she said "Of course I understand numbers. What nonsense!". So I asked her what 2010 minus 20 was. "1900", came the reply