**Prediction:** I predict that this sum will use prior knowledge to solve this sum.

**Read:** Fill in the missing number.

36 ← [ ] = 4

**Clarify:** I have nothing to clarify.

**Mathematician’s toolbox:** work backwards

**Solving:**

1. I decide to think: what $x \times 4 = 36$? Well $4 \times 9 = 36$.
2. So we shall put the 9 in the blank spot to look like this: $36 \rightarrow 9 = 4$

**Conclusion:** this sum was a right there question and if you know that $4 \times 9 = 36$ this sum is easy.