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Find the prime factorization of 126

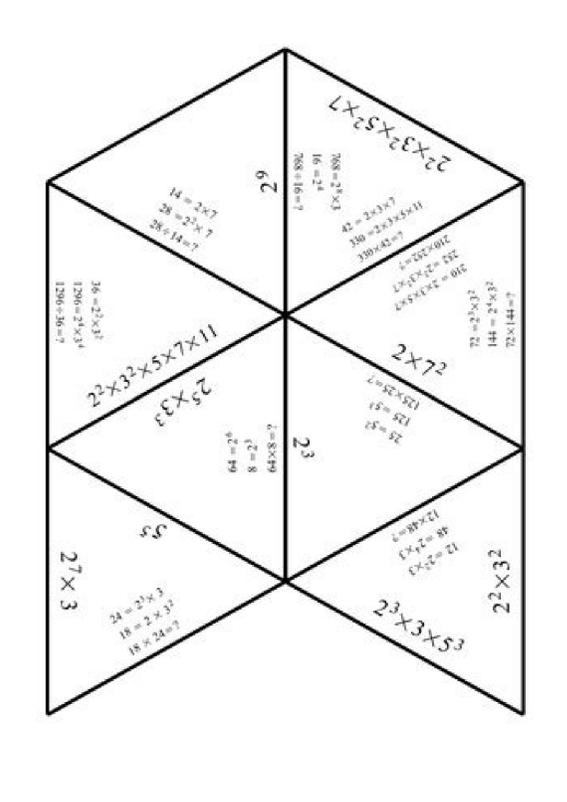
It is also possible to find the prime factors of a number by successively dividing by increasing prime numbers.

Factor tree for 126:
 $126 \rightarrow 2 \times 63$
 $63 \rightarrow 3 \times 21$
 $21 \rightarrow 3 \times 7$
 $\therefore 126 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$

Division ladder for 126:
 $126 \div 2 = 63$
 $63 \div 3 = 21$
 $21 \div 3 = 7$
 $7 \div 7 = 1$
 $\therefore 126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$

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2014	Maths	1. Find the prime factorization of 126.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2013	Maths	2. Find the prime factors of 126.	2, 3, 3, 7
2012	Maths	3. Express 126 as a product of its prime factors.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2011	Maths	4. Find the prime factorization of 126.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2010	Maths	5. Find the prime factors of 126.	2, 3, 3, 7
2009	Maths	6. Express 126 as a product of its prime factors.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2008	Maths	7. Find the prime factorization of 126.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2007	Maths	8. Find the prime factors of 126.	2, 3, 3, 7
2006	Maths	9. Express 126 as a product of its prime factors.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$
2005	Maths	10. Find the prime factorization of 126.	$126 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7$



Product of Prime Factors

Write the following as product of prime factors

1) 8 = $2 \times 2 \times 2$

2) 12 = $2 \times 2 \times 3$

3) 24 = $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$

4) 36 = $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$

5) 50 = $2 \times 5 \times 5$

6) 50 = $2 \times 5 \times 5$

7) 90 = $2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5$

8) 72 = $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$

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Prime Factors: What is a factor? The factors of a number are the numbers that divide it exactly.

Revision of Factors of Numbers: What is a factor? The factors of a number are the numbers that divide it exactly.

What are the factors of 12? 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12

Can you list the factors for 30? 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30

What are the factors of 15 and 18? 15: 1, 3, 5, 15; 18: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18

Test: Find the factors of 15 and 18.

Prime Numbers: A prime number is a number that has only two factors, 1 and itself.

Prime Factors: A prime factor is a factor that is a prime number.

Here we will learn about prime factors including how to express a number as a product of prime factors and use the product of prime factors to recognise special numbers such as square numbers and cube numbers. There are also prime factors worksheets based on Edexcel, AQA and OCR exam questions, along with further guidance on where to go next if you're still stuck. Prime factors are prime numbers that are factors of another number. E.g. A composite number is the product of two or more factors. All of these types of numbers are integers (whole numbers). In number theory, the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic states that every integer greater than one is a prime number or can be represented by a product of prime numbers. E.g. $240 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5$ and $240 = 2^4 \times 3 \times 5$. This would mean that the number 240 is a composite number with the prime factors of 2, 3 and 5. Expressing a composite number as a product of prime factors can be utilised for a wide variety of problems such as: calculating the highest common factor (HCF), calculating the lowest common multiple (LCM), simplifying surds, determining whether a number is a square number or cube number, factorising, calculating the square roots of numbers and much more. We can also manipulate the prime factorisation of a number to find other numbers. To find the prime factors of a number, we need to continue to divide the composite number by prime numbers until we are left with just prime factors. Looking back at the example of $6 = 2 \times 3$, we can say: Here, the divisor is 3 as we are dividing 6 by 3 to get a quotient of 2. Any positive integer can be written as a product of its prime factors. This means that we can take any positive number and write it as a series of prime numbers being multiplied. E.g. 6 is a product of 2 and 3, so can be written as $2 \times 3 = 6$ or a product of 3 and 2, so can be written as $3 \times 2 = 6$. We can use a process called prime factor decomposition using prime factor trees in order to work out the product of prime factors. E.g. Write 36 as a product of prime factors. $36 = 2 \times 18 = 2 \times 9 \times 3 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$. A question may ask you to give your answer in index form. To do this we write the solution using powers, so $36 = 2^1 \times 3^2 \times 3^2$. E.g. Write 54 as a product of prime factors. Give your answer in index form. $54 = 2 \times 27 = 2 \times 3 \times 9 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 2 \times 3^3$. In index form, $54 = 2 \times 3^3$. When finding prime factors it is useful to use the divisibility rules: In order to find prime factors of a composite number, divide the composite number by a suitable prime number. Continue until the final answer is a prime number, then state the solution. As factors are multiplied together to achieve the composite number, we can say $75 = 3 \times 5 \times 5$ and $75 = 3 \times 5^2$. The final solution in index form is therefore $75 = 3 \times 5^2$. Express 462 as a product of prime factors. Divide the composite number by a suitable prime number. As 462 is an even number, we can divide 462 by 2: The first prime factor of 462 is 2. 231 is not a prime number so we continue to Step 2. Divide the answer by another suitable prime number. The sum of the digits of 231 ($2 + 3 + 1 = 6$) which is a multiple of 3 and so we can divide 231 by 3: The second prime factor is 3. 77 is not a prime number so we need to continue to divide by prime numbers until the final answer is prime. Continue until the final answer is a prime number, then state the solution. As 77 is a multiple of 7, we can divide 77 by 7: The third prime factor is 7. 11 is a prime number so the fourth prime factor is 11. As factors are multiplied together to achieve the composite number, we can say the final solution in index form is therefore $462 = 2 \times 3 \times 7 \times 11$. Show that 900 is a square number. Divide the composite number by a suitable prime number. As the sum of the digits of 900 ($9 + 0 + 0 = 9$), we can divide 900 by 3: The first prime factor of 900 is 3. 300 is not a prime number so we continue to Step 2. Divide the answer by another suitable prime number. The sum of the digits of 300 ($3 + 0 + 0 = 3$) which is a multiple of 3, so we can divide 300 by 3: The second prime factor is 3. 100 is not a prime number so we need to continue to divide by prime numbers until the final answer is prime. Continue until the final answer is a prime number, then state the solution. As 100 is an even number, we can divide 100 by 2: The third prime factor is 2. 50 is an even number so we continue to Step 2. Divide the answer by another suitable prime number. 15 also ends in a 5 and so we can divide 15 by 5: The second prime factor is 5. 3 is a prime number so the third prime factor is 3. Continue until the final answer is a prime number, then state the solution. As factors are multiplied together to achieve the composite number, we can say $900 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 5$ and $900 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2$. So 900 is a square number. What are the prime factors of 4095? Divide the composite number by a suitable prime number. As 4095 ends in a 5, we can divide 4095 by 5: The first prime factor of 4095 is 5. 819 is not a prime number so we continue to Step 2. Divide the answer by another suitable prime number. The sum of the digits of 819 ($8 + 1 + 9 = 18$) which is a multiple of 3 and so we can divide 819 by 3: The second prime factor is 3. 273 is not a prime number so we need to continue to divide by prime numbers until the final answer is prime. Continue until the final answer is a prime number, then state the solution. As the sum of the digits of 273 ($2 + 7 + 3 = 12$), we can divide 273 by 3: The third prime factor is 3. 91 is not a prime number so we need to divide by another prime number. 91 is divisible by 7 (there is no number trick here so use your multiplication tables to help you). The fourth prime factor is 7. 13 is a prime number so the final prime factor is 13. As factors are multiplied together to achieve the composite number, we can say $4095 = 3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 13$ (in exponent form) $4095 = 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 13$. The final solution in index form is therefore $4095 = 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 13$. Listing factors and not specifically a prime factor. Take example 6 where we were dividing 900 by 3. A more obvious start could have been to divide by 9, however 9 is not a prime number. When we look at larger composite numbers, there is a much more clear and efficient method to expressing the prime factors of a number (see the next lesson on factor trees). Practice prime factors questions $16 \div 2 = 8$, $8 \div 2 = 4$, $4 \div 2 = 2$.

