

Factors and Multiples

Definitions

- Factor: A factor of a number is a whole number that divides it exactly (without a remainder).
- Example: Factors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12 because these numbers divide 12 exactly.
- Multiple: A multiple of a number is the product of that number and any whole number.
- Example: Multiples of 5 are 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, ... (infinite sequence).
- Common Factors: Numbers that are factors of two or more given numbers.
- Example: Common factors of 8 and 12 are 1, 2, and 4.
- Common Multiples: Numbers that are multiples of two or more given numbers.
- Example: Common multiples of 3 and 4 are 12, 24, 36,
- Highest Common Factor (HCF): The largest factor common to two or more numbers.
- Example: HCF of 18 and 24 is 6.
- Lowest Common Multiple (LCM): The smallest multiple common to two or more numbers.
- Example: LCM of 4 and 6 is 12.



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Finding Factors

• List all the factors of: a) 16

b) 20

c) 36

d) 45

• Find the common factors of:

a) 12 and 18

b) 24 and 30

Finding Multiples

• List the first five multiples of:

a) 7

b) 9

c) 12

• Find three common multiples of:

a) 4 and 6

b) 5 and 8

HCF and LCM

• Find the HCF of the following pairs of numbers:

a) 15 and 25

b) 18 and 27

c) 21 and 35

• Find the LCM of the following pairs of numbers:

a) 6 and 9

b) 8 and 12

c) 10 and 15

Word Problems

 Two friends go jogging together. One takes 12 minutes for a lap, and the other takes 16 minutes. After how many minutes will they meet again at the starting point? (Find LCM of 12 and 16)