Prime Factors

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OK, this can be done in your head, or it can be done using your Multiplication Grid or your Prime Number Grid together. Get your pencil. Ready?

Print out page 2. It's lots of pages, sorry, but it has to be.

For each number, please write its prime factors.

How? Not hard. Remember, we're giving your brain a workout, so if you skip steps, your brain won't be as strong.

First write a multiplication sentence that is true for each number.

For example, I could write $12 = 3 \times 4$

Check on your list of prime numbers if you need to, to see which of those numbers are prime numbers. *In my example*, '3' is a prime number but '4' isn't.

Re-write each multiplication sentence, replacing each non-prime number with another multiplication phrase that equals that non-prime.

So, I would have $12 = 3 \times 4 = 3 \times 2 \times 2$. Notice that I replaced '4' with '2 x 2'!

Check those numbers, are they prime? If not, do it again, re-writing any non-prime numbers. Check again, do it again if necessary. I promise that for all numbers under 128, there won't be more than six numbers in your final number-sentence.

Rewrite your number sentence so that the numbers are multiplied in number-order. I will now have $12 = 3 \times 4 = 3 \times 2 \times 2 = 2 \times 2 \times 3$

If the only number sentence you can make for a number is 1 times the number (like $3 = 1 \times 3$) then write PRIME in big letters at the end of the line!

You now have the **Prime Factors** of each number written out. Check your answers with mine (*after you've worked it out on your own!!*) to be sure you have them all right. Now, carry this paper with Prime Factors around where you'll see it frequently. I like to tuck it in beside my seat in the car. Glance at it frequently. Then begin asking yourself to remember the Prime Factors of each number you see around the house or on the road.

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| $3 = 1 \times 3 \text{ PRIME}$ | $42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$ | $81 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$ |
| $4 = 2 \times 2$ | $43 = 1 \times 43 \text{ PRIME}$ | $82 = 2 \times 41$ |
| $5 = 1 \times 5 \text{ PRIME}$ | $44 = 2 \times 2 \times 11$ | $83 = 1 \times 83 \text{ PRIME}$ |
| $6 = 2 \times 3$ | $45 = 3 \times 3 \times 5$ | $84 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7$ |
| $7 = 1 \times 7 \text{ PRIME}$ | $46 = 2 \times 23$ | $85 = 5 \times 17$ |
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