

Numbers, Operations & Algebra

At the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Find the factors of a given number,
- Find the common factors of given numbers.

FACTORS

The **factors** of a number are the whole numbers that can divide the given number without leaving any remainder.

For example, **3 is a factor of 12** because it divides 12 evenly, meaning $12 \div 3 = 4$.

5 is not a factor of 12 because it does not divide 12 evenly, meaning $12 \div 5 = 2.4$ (*not a whole number*).

Example: How to find the factors of 24?

$$1 \times \square = 24$$

$$2 \times \square = 24$$

$$3 \times \square = 24$$

$$4 \times \square = 24$$

WHAT NUMBERS CAN
WE FILL IN THE
BOXES SO THE
ANSWER IS 24?



All the numbers in the boxes are **factors of 24**.

So, the factors of 24 = __, __, __, __, __, __, __ and __.

Example: Find the **common factors** of 12 and 16.

$$1 \times \square = 12$$

$$2 \times \square = 12$$

$$3 \times \square = 12$$

$$1 \times \square = 16$$

$$2 \times \square = 16$$

$$4 \times \square = 16$$

The common factors of 12 and 16 are
____, ____ and ____.