

Key Instant Recall facts

Year 6 - Autumn 2



To identify common factors of a pair of numbers.

By the end of this half term, children should know the factors of numbers. The aim is for them to recall these facts fairly instantly.

The factors of a number are all numbers which it can divide into with no remainder.

e.g. the factors of **24** are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 24. The factors of **56** are 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 14, 28 and 56.

The common factors of two numbers are the factors they share.

e.g. the **common factors of 24 and 56 are 1, 2, 4 and 8.**

The greatest common factor of 24 and 56 is 8.

Choose 2 other numbers from the times tables. Can your child find the factors, then the common factors and then the greatest common factor? Repeat!

Children should be able to explain how they know that a number is a common factor. E.g. 8 is a common factor of 24 and 56 because $24 = 8 \times 3$ and $56 = 8 \times 7$.

Key Vocabulary

factor
common factor
multiple
greatest
common factor

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising little and often. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey?

If your child is not yet confident with identifying factor pairs of a number, you may want to practise this first.

If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/greatest-common-factor.html>

<http://www.conkermaths.org/cmweb.nsf/products/conkerkirfs.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division> - lots of games here

Choose two numbers between 1 and 144. Take it in turns to name factors. Who can find the most?