

High level-answers

Factor Bugs!



Factors

A factor is a whole number which will divide exactly into another whole number

e.g. 3 is a factor of 12
 $(12 \div 3 = 4)$
 4 is a factor of 12
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6 and 2 are also factors of 12 and so are 12 and 1.

Therefore, the factors of 12 are
 3, 4, 6, 2, 1 and 12.

Remember, every number can be divided by 1 and the number itself.

A number whose only factors are 1 and the number itself is called a **prime number**
 e.g. 11 is a prime number because it can only be divided by 1 and 11.