

“Factors and Multiples” Game

Object: Work together to mark as many numbers as possible.

How to Play:

1. Player 1: Mark numbers with an “O.”
2. Player 2: Mark numbers with an “X.”
3. Player 1: Mark a multiple of 2.
4. Player 2: Mark a factor or a multiple of the previous number.
5. Take turns marking a factor or a multiple of the previous number.
6. Continue until no more moves are possible.
7. Count how many numbers are marked.
8. Start another game and try to end with more marked numbers.

Materials

- “Factors and Multiples” Game Board

Factors and Multiples



Learning Objectives

Identify factors and multiples of whole numbers in the range of 1–100.

Content Standard

Gain familiarity with factors and multiples. Find all factor pairs for a whole number in the range 1–100 . . . (CCSSM: 4.OA.4)

Math Vocabulary

- *composite*
- *factor*
- *prime*

Materials

For each pair of students:

- “Factors and Multiples” Game Board (page 50)
- Game Rules, if needed, after presentation (page 68)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X	X	X
11	X	13	14	X	16	17	X	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	X
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71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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Explaining the Game: Factors and Multiples


Number of Players: 2

Object: Work together to mark as many numbers as possible.

How to Play:

1. Player 1 marks numbers with an "O"; Player 2 marks numbers with an "X."
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Example

- Player 1 circles 12.
- Player 2 can mark either:
 - ~ One of the factors of 12 (1, 2, 3, 4, or 6), or
 - ~ One of the multiples of 12 (24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, or 96).

Differentiation

More Support

- Use a 1–40 game board for a few games before using the 1–100 game board.

More Challenge

- Play the game competitively.

Deepening the Understanding

Ask the class:

What advice would you give someone who was going to play this game and wants to mark as many numbers as possible before getting stuck?

- What strategies would you recommend?
- Which numbers should a player mark first? Why?

Jen said that it is helpful to choose composite numbers in this game. Do you agree? Why or why not?

After a student shares an idea, ask the class if they agree or disagree and why.

Mathematical Practices (CCSSM)

- MP1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
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- MP3 Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others

Note: This game is based on a classic math game called Juniper Green. The original Juniper Green game was developed by Richard Porteous, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to help his students learn multiplication and division.

“Factors and Multiples” Game Board (Game 4-7)

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