Prime numbers

## Multiplication & Division – prime numbers

Children on this sheet have a list of different numbers. They are to sort them into a simple table of prime numbers and composite numbers. Children may need a simple explanation on how to find out if a number is a prime number and then take the steps to work on each number.

They then explain how they knew what a prime number was.



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Children have a slightly more complex table. Once completed they should understand why one of the boxes is empty- and use this to explain what a prime number is and what a composite number is.

Children still might have to have steps to figure out if each number is a prime number, although some children could work this out mentally.

Children are given prime numbers up to 19.

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Children on this sheet sort numbers that are beyond the numbers up to 19 children need to remember. They then need to offer a more detailed explanation of what a prime number is and how you can check if a number is a prime number or a composite number.



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Sort the numbers into this table.

Prime	Composite

6 7 16 2 5 17 20 11 10

13 30 25 22 40 19 3 50 100

How did you know which numbers were prime numbers?

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Prime	Composite
7 2 5 17	6 16 10
11 13 19	20 30 50
3	25 22 40 100

How did you know which numbers were prime numbers?

The prime numbers only divide by themselves and 1. No other number.

Sort the numbers into this table.

	Prime	Composite
2 factors (1 and itself)		
More than 2 factors		
7 6 18 13 21 26 17 30 3 42 19 36 88 23 2 5 110 150 Using the table, explain what a prime number is.		
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	Prime	Composite
2 factors (1 and itself)	7 13 17 3 19 23 2 5	
More than 2 factors		6 18 21 26
		30 42 36 88
		110 150

Using the table, explain what a prime number is.

A prime number only has 2 factors, 1 and itself.

Using the table, explain what a composite number is.

A composite number has more than 2 factors and can be divided by other numbers.

Sort the numbers into this table.

	Prime	Composite
2 factors (1 and itself)		
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More than 2		
factors		
43 86	99 97 103	66 61 81 73
78 5°	45 29 60 8	83 110 53 203
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Using the table,	explain what a composite number is and number was a composite n	umber.

Sort the numbers into this table.

	Prime	Composite
2 factors (1 and itself)	43 97 103 61 73 59 29 83 53	
More than 2 factors		86   99   66   81   78   45   60   110   203

Using the table, explain what a prime number is and the steps you would take to check if a number was a prime number.

A prime number only has 2 factors, 1 and itself. You can check to see if a number is a prime number by seeing if it is divisible by any other number other than itself or one. For example....

Using the table, explain what a composite number is and the steps you would take to check if a number was a composite number.

A composite number has more than 2 factors. You can check to see if a number is a composite number by seeing if it is divisible by any other number other than itself or one. If it can be divided equally, then it is a composite number For example.... (203 is divisible by 1, 7, 29, and