These are simple tricks to test what a number can be shared by .

We are going to learn tricks for testing if a number can be shared by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and multiples of 10.

This is a typical SATs question that can be solved by divisibility tests.



Here we are asked to list 3 numbers that can be multiplied to make 150. Think about it. We will come back to this question after we learn our skills.

Divisibility tests Divisible by 2? If a number is divisible by 2...

Divisible by 2?

If a number is divisible by 2...

It ends with 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0

(in other words it's an EVEN number.)

Divisibility tests Divisible by 3? If a number is divisible by 3...

Divisible by 3?

If a number is divisible by 3...

It's digit sum is 3, 6, or 9.

The digit sum is when you add the digits in the number repeating until you get to 1 digit.

Divisible by 3?

$$1 + 4 + 6 + 7 = 18$$
 then  $1 + 8 = 9$ 

So 1467 is divisible by 3.

Divisibility tests Divisible by 4? If a number is divisible by 4...

Divisible by 4?

If a number is divisible by 4...

If we half the number, and the result is even, then our number is divisible by 4.

Divisible by 4?

If a number is divisible by 4...

If the last 2 digits of a number are divisible by 4, then our number is as well.

4 655 728 is divisible by 4 because 28 is divisible by 4.

Divisibility tests Divisible by 5? If a number is divisible by 5...

Divisible by 5?

If a number is divisible by 5...

It ends with a 5 or a 0.

**5**, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, ...

Divisibility tests Divisible by 6? If a number is divisible by 6...

Divisible by 6?

If a number is divisible by 6...

It passes the tests for both divisibility by 2 and divisibility by 3.

In other words - an EVEN number with digit sum 3,6 or 9

Divisibility tests Divisible by 7? If a number is divisible by 7...

Divisible by 7?

If a number is divisible by 7...

It appears in the 7 times table!

Sorry! You'll just have to learn it because there is no trick for 7s!

Divisibility tests Divisible by 8? If a number is divisible by 8...

Divisible by 8?

If a number is divisible by 8...

If you halve it, and halve it again, the result is an even number.

If the last 3 digits are divisible by 8, the whole number will be.

Divisible by 8?

If a number is divisible by 8...

So 2, 560, 104 is divisible by 8 because 104 is divisible by 8.

 $(104 \div 2 = 52 \quad 52 \div 2 = 26 \quad 26 \text{ is EVEN.})$ 

Divisibility tests Divisible by 9? If a number is divisible by 9... Divisibility tests Divisible by 9? If a number is divisible by 9... It's digit sum is 9

Divisible by 9?

If a number is divisible by 9...

It's digit sum is 9

This means it is also divisible by 3!

Divisibility tests Divisible by 10? If a number is divisible by 10... It ends in a 0

Divisible by 10?

If a number is divisible by 10...

It ends in a 0

So these numbers are also divisible by 2 and 5

Divisibility tests Divisible by 100? If a number is divisible by 100... It ends in a 00

Divisibility tests Divisible by 1000? If a number is divisible by 1000... It ends in a 000

Divisible by 1000?

If a number is divisible by 1000...

It ends in a 000

And so on...

# Divisible by ...?

- 2: ends with 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0
- 3: digit sum is 3, 6, or 9
- 4: halve last 2 digits and the result is even
- 5: ends with 5 or 0
- 6: ends with 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0 AND digit sum is 3, 6, or 9
- 7: -
- 8: Halve the last 3 digits twice, and the result is even.
- 9: digit sum is 9
- 10: ends with 0

Remember this question...



Test 150 to see what can go in the boxes.

Remember this question...

150 is divisible by 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 amongst other numbers (pick any one for the first box)

Remember this question...

2 x = 150

 $150 \div 2 = 75$ 

# Divisibility tests Remember this question... These must multiply to make 75

Remember this question...

2 × = 150

Test 75 for divisibility

Remember this question...



75 is divisible by 3 and 5 among others (pick either for second box).

Remember this question...

2 x 3 x = 150

$$75 \div 3 = 25$$

Remember this question...

2 x 3 x 25 = 150

This is one solution. Can you think of others?