

Factors and Divisibility

A number is divisible by another number if the quotient is a counting number and the remainder is 0.

You can decide if a number is divisible by 2, 3, 5, 6, or 9 by using divisibility rules instead of dividing. Divisibility rules help you decide if one number is a factor of another.

Is 39 divisible by 2, 3, 5, 6, or 9?

Divisibility Rules

$39 \div 2 = 19 \text{ r}1 \rightarrow$ 39 is not divisible by 2.

The last digit, 9, is not even, so 39 is not divisible by 2.

$39 \div 3 = 13 \text{ r}0 \rightarrow$ 39 is divisible by 3.

The sum of the digits, $3 + 9 = 12$, is divisible by 3, so 39 is divisible by 3.

$39 \div 5 = 7 \text{ r}4 \rightarrow$ 39 is not divisible by 5.

The last digit, 9, is not a 0 or 5, so 39 is not divisible by 5.

$39 \div 6 = 6 \text{ r}3 \rightarrow$ 39 is not divisible by 6.

39 is not divisible by both 2 and 3, so it is not divisible by 6.

$39 \div 9 = 4 \text{ r}3 \rightarrow$ 39 is not divisible by 9.

The sum of the digits, $3 + 9 = 12$, is not divisible by 9, so 39 is not divisible by 9.

39 is divisible by 3.
3 is a factor of 39.

Tell whether 30 is divisible by 2, 3, 5, 6, or 9. Show your work.

1 $30 \div 2$ _____

2 $30 \div 3$ _____

3 $30 \div 5$ _____

4 $30 \div 6$ _____

5 $30 \div 9$ _____

Is 4 a factor of the number? Write yes or no.

6 81

7 24

8 56
