



Chapter 3

A <u>Prime Number</u> can be divided evenly **only** by 1 & itself.

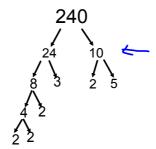
And it must be a whole number greater than 1.

The first few prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 etc.....

## **Determining the Prime Factors** of a Whole Number

Write the prime factorization of 240

**Draw a Factor** 



The Prime Factorization of 240 is:

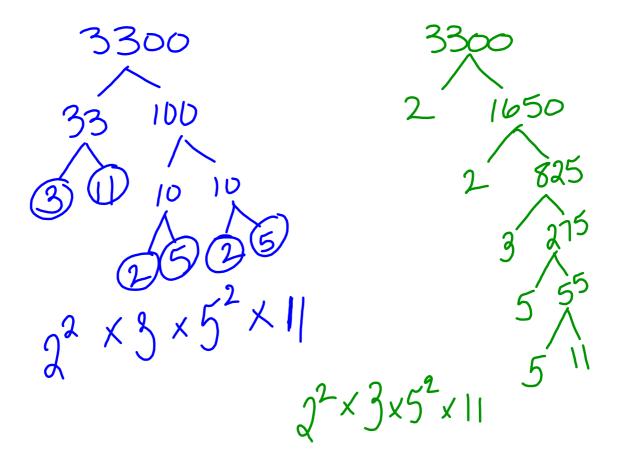
2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 5 x 2

or

 $2^4 \times 3 \times 5$ 

The Prime Factors of 240 are:

2, 3, & 5



## What is a Common Factor?

We said that ......

The Factors of 132 are : (1)(2)(3) 4,(6) 11, 12, 22, 33, 44, 66, 132

The Factors of 162 are (1)2(3)6(9, 18, 27, 54, 81, 162

## Time factors to Solve Action

## Steps:

- 1) Find the prime factors of each number
- 2) Compare the prime factors of each number
- 3) Circle the prime factors that each number has in common
- 4) Multiply common prime factors together to get GCF of #'s

Example: Find the GCF of 24 and 72

