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Thursday Math

Multiplication and Division are inverse operations.

When I multiply, the numbers I multiply together are called **factors**. The answer I get is called the **product**.

When I multiply, I know both factors; what I want to find is the product.

When I divide, I know the **product**—the result of multiplying two factors—but just <u>one</u> of the **factors**. What I need to do is find the other factor.

When I multiply $3 \times 4 = 12$, **3** and **4** are **factors**, and **12** is their **product**.

When I divide 12 by 3 ($12 \div 3$), I am given the **product 12** and one **factor 3**, and I want to find the other factor.

So I ask myself: what number multiplied by 3 gives 12.

 $3 \times \underline{} = 12$. The answer is 4; therefore, $12 \div 3 = 4$.

The problem $12 \div 3 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ is equivalent to $3 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 12$.

Example

$$3,200 \div 40 =$$
 _____ $x \ 40 = 3,200$

I know that $80 \times 40 = 3,200$

Therefore, $3,200 \div 40 = 80$.

<u>Divide</u>:

$$900 \div 30 =$$
 _____ x 30 = 900

$$3,000 \div 6 =$$

$$1,800 \div 90 =$$
