

• Have the group repeat the activity by adding another handful of unit cubes.



If a number is divisible by 3, then it may or may not be divisible by 6 or 9.

- Show 18 cubes. Make groups of
  9. Is 18 divisible by 9? yes Make groups of 3. Is 18 divisible by 3? yes
- How did you go from groups of 9 to groups of 3? I broke each 9 into 3 groups of 3.
- How does 3 relate to 9? 9 to 3? 3 is a factor of 9; 9 is divisible by 3

Emphasize to students that a number is divisible by each of its factors.



The blue lines show 18 cubes in groups of 9. The red lines show 18 cubes in groups of 3.



## Materials color tiles

Have each student count out 18 color tiles. Is 4 a factor of 18?

- If 4 is a factor of 18, then we can arrange 18 tiles into 4 equal rows. Have students place a tile in each of the four rows. Students should continue adding one tile at a time to each row until all of the tiles have been used.
- Do all of the rows have the same number of tiles? no So, is 4 a factor of 18? no
- Have students repeat the activity with other numbers such as 2, 3, 5, and 6.





## LESSON 5.3 Problem Solving • Common Factors

Reteach Tier 1 (Visual / Kinesthetic Whole Class / Small Group

• Have students practice using the strategy *make a list* by solving the following problem.

Two families go on a trip to the marine park. All tickets are the same price, which is a whole-dollar amount. One family spends \$28, and the other family spends \$21. What are the possible costs of each ticket? \$1, \$7

- How can \$28 be divided evenly? \$1, \$2, \$4, \$7, \$14, or \$28
- How can \$21 be divided evenly? \$1, \$3, \$7, \$21
- Why is \$1 unlikely to be the answer? Possible answer: most families have fewer than 21 or 28 members.
- How much did each ticket cost? \$7
- After students determine the price of each ticket, they may consider how many members are in each family. 4 members, 3 members



Materials square tiles

• Have students make a list to solve the problem.

Ana puts 12 dog figures and 18 bear figures on shelves. Ana will arrange the figures so each shelf has the same animal and number of figures. What are the possible numbers of figures she can put on each shelf?

• Draw a table as shown. Use the table to find common factors.

Factors of 12		Factors of 18	
$\frac{1}{2}$	4 6	$\frac{1}{2}$	<u>6</u> 9
3	12	3	18

- Have students use square tiles to find the factors of 12, and then list the factors in the table. Repeat for the number 18.
- Have students underline the common factors. How many figures can Ana put on each shelf? She can put 1, 2, 3, or 6 figures on each shelf.



- Ask students to determine the common multiples of the numbers by looking for the same marked numbers on other number lines. For example: What are the common multiples of 2 and 3? 6, 12, and 18
- Students can copy the four number lines onto their paper number lines.



## Materials counters

- Present the problem: Jana wants to put stickers in her sticker book. She wants to make equal rows with 4 stickers in each row. She does not want a page with extra stickers in an unequal row. Should she put 8 stickers on each page or 10 stickers on each page?
- Work with students to model how to use counters to show a total number of stickers, such as 8, and then to place the counters into equal rows with 4 counters in each row.
- Ask students to tell whether there are any stickers in an unequal row. Discuss the idea that if there are leftover stickers, the total number of stickers is not a multiple of 4. Have students tell which number(s) are multiples of 4 and which number(s) are not multiples of 4.



