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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What does GCF stand for?

Hint: Think about the definition of GCF.

- Greatest Common Factor
- Greatest Common Fraction
- Greatest Common Formula
- Greatest Common Function

Which of the following are methods to find the GCF?

Hint: Consider different techniques used in mathematics.

- Prime Factorization
- Listing Factors
- Euclidean Algorithm
- Polynomial Division

Explain why the GCF is important in simplifying fractions.

Hint: Think about how GCF helps in reducing fractions.

List the first three steps in finding the GCF using prime factorization.

Hint: Consider the process of breaking down numbers into their prime factors.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

What is the primary use of the Euclidean Algorithm in relation to GCF?

Hint: Think about the purpose of the algorithm.

- To find the smallest factor
- To simplify equations
- To determine the greatest common factor
- To solve quadratic equations

Part 2: Application and Analysis

What is the GCF of 24 and 36?

Hint: Consider the factors of both numbers.

- 6
- 8
- 12
- 18

Identify the GCF of the following pairs of numbers:

Hint: Look for common factors in each pair.

- 15 and 25
- 9 and 12
- 14 and 21
- 8 and 32

A teacher wants to divide 48 pencils and 60 erasers into the largest possible equal groups without any leftovers. How many groups can the teacher make, and how many items will each group contain?

Hint: Think about how GCF can help in dividing items evenly.

If the GCF of two numbers is equal to one of the numbers, what does this imply about the numbers?

Hint: Consider the relationship between the two numbers.

- One is a multiple of the other
- They are both prime
- They are equal
- They are both even

Which of the following statements correctly describe the relationship between GCF and LCM?

Hint: Think about how GCF and LCM interact mathematically.

- GCF is always smaller than LCM.
- The product of GCF and LCM equals the product of the numbers.
- GCF is always a factor of LCM.
- LCF is always a multiple of GCF.

Analyze how the Euclidean Algorithm simplifies the process of finding the GCF compared to listing factors.

Hint: Consider the efficiency of each method.

Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

Which method is generally more efficient for finding the GCF of large numbers?

Hint: Think about the methods discussed earlier.

- Prime Factorization
- Listing Factors
- Euclidean Algorithm
- Trial and Error

Given the numbers 18, 24, and 30, which of the following are common factors?

Hint: Look for factors that are shared among all three numbers.

- 2
- 3
- 6
- 9

Create a real-world problem that involves finding the GCF, and explain how solving for the GCF provides a solution.

Hint: Think about scenarios where items need to be divided evenly.

Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using prime factorization versus the Euclidean Algorithm for finding the GCF. Provide at least one advantage and one disadvantage for each method.

Hint: Consider the efficiency and ease of each method.

1. Prime Factorization Advantage

2. Prime Factorization Disadvantage

3. Euclidean Algorithm Advantage

4. Euclidean Algorithm Disadvantage