



PRIME NUMBERS

A **Prime Number** is a number, greater than 1, that has only two factors (or divisors). These two factors are

- a) 1
- b) The number itself

For example, let's take number 7.

7 has only two factors $\longrightarrow \{1, 7\}$

This means that 7 is a prime number.

8 has more than two factors $\longrightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$

8 is not a prime number. It is a *composite number*.

A **Composite Number** is a number than has more than two factors.

A number which is not a prime number is called a composite number.