

- factor**
1. ['fæktə] *n*
 - 1) фактор движущая сила
the main factor in this process - основной факторэтого процесса
water is an important factor - вода играет очень важную роль /является весьма существенным фактором
 - 2) фактор составной элемент
 2. агент, представитель
 3. 1) комиссионер, посредник, фактор
 - 2) доверенное лицо, агент
 4. *шотл.* управляющий (*имением*)
 5. *амер. юр.* лицо, обязанное по приказу суда наложить арест на имеющееся у него имущество должника *или* суммы, причитающиеся должнику
 6. *ист.* фактор мелкий чиновник (*в Ост-Индской компании*)
 7. *мат.* множитель
 8. *спец.* коэффициент фактор
factor of safety - коэффициентбезопасности; запас прочности
factor of merit - а) доброкачественность; б) чувствительность (*прибора*)
 9. *биол.* ген
 10. витамин; гормон
 2. ['fæktə] *v мат.*
разлагать на множители
to factor out - выносить за скобки

factor

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

factor **AW** [factor factors factored factoring] **noun, verb** *BrE* ['fæktə(r)] ¹*NAmE* ['fæktər] ²**noun**

1. **countable** one of several things that cause or influence sth
 - economic factors
 - The closure of the mine was the **single most important** factor in the town's decline.
 - the **key/crucial/deciding factor**
 - The result will depend on a number of different factors
 2. **countable** (**mathematics**) a number that divides into another number exactly
 - 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12 are the factors of 12.
 3. **countable** the amount by which sth increases or decreases
 - The real wage of the average worker has increased by a factor of over ten in the last 70 years.
 4. **countable** a particular level on a scale of measurement
 - a suntan lotion with a protection factor of 10
 - The wind-chill factor will make it seem colder.
 5. **uncountable** (**medical**) a substance in the blood that helps the **clotting** process. There are several types of this substance
 - Haemophiliacs have no factor 8 in their blood
- see** the feel-good factor **at** ↑**feel-good**

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:**factor** **noun** **C**

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point • • **consideration** •a factor/consideration **in** stha/an/the **additional/main/important/key/crucial/prime** factor/point/consideration**political/practical** factors/points/considerationsLanguage Bank:**cause**X **causes** Y

- Childhood obesity can **cause** ▪ / **lead to** ▪ long-term health problems.
- Changes in lifestyle and diet over the last twenty years have **caused** ▪ / **led to** ▪ / **resulted in** ▪ a sharp increase in childhood obesity.
- Several factors, including changes in diet and lifestyle, **have contributed to** ▪ the increase in childhood obesity.
- Research suggests that fast food and soft drinks directly **contribute to** ▪ childhood obesity.
- Genetics, lifestyle and diet **are** ▪ all important **factors** ▪ in cases of childhood obesity.
- Even small changes in lifestyle and diet can **bring about** ▪ significant weight loss.

Language Banks at ↑**because of**, ↑**consequently**, ↑**therefore**Example Bank:

- A variety of other factors will be taken into account.

- External factors in the production of disease include pollution of the environment
- Look for the common factor in all these cases.
- Money proved to be the deciding factor.
- Poor organization was certainly a contributory factor to the crisis.
- Studies have established that smoking is a risk factor for cancer.
- The appeal judges spoke of strong mitigating factors in the case.
- The human factor is crucial to success in team management.
- The outcome will depend on a number of factors.
- There are several factors at play here.
- This is regarded as the crucial factor in deciding who should get priority.
- We examine how economic and social factors interact.
- a key factor in the decision
- environmental factors which predispose children to middle-ear infections
- one of the factors that influenced his decision
- one of the most significant factors
- the contextual factors which operate to hinder understanding
- the main factors behind the dollar's weakness

Derived ↑factor something in ▪ ↑factor something into something

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	factor
	BrE / 'fæktə(r)/
	NAme / 'fæktər/
he / she / it	factors
	BrE / 'fæktəz/
	NAme / 'fæktərz/
past simple, past participle	factored
	BrE / 'fæktəd/
	NAme / 'fæktəd/
-ing form	factoring
	BrE / 'fæktərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'fæktərɪŋ/

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I. **factor**¹ **S3 W1 AC** /'fæktə \$ -ər/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: **facteur**, from Latin **factor** 'doer, maker', from **facere** 'to do, make']

1. CAUSE/INFLUENCE one of several things that influence or cause a situation:

" The rise in crime is mainly due to social and economic factors.

factor in

" The vaccination program has been a major factor in the improvement of health standards.

important/major/key/crucial factor

" The weather could be a crucial factor in tomorrow's game.

deciding/decisive/determining factor (=the most important factor)

" We liked both houses, but price was the deciding factor.

2. LEVEL ON A SCALE a particular level on a scale that measures how strong or effective something is:

" factor 15 suntan oil

" Even in July the **wind chill factor** (=the degree to which the air feels colder because of the wind) can be intense.

3. by a factor of five/ten etc if something increases or decreases by a factor of five, ten etc, it increases or decreases by five times, ten times etc

4. MATHEMATICS technical a number that divides into another number exactly:

" 3 is a factor of 15.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + factor

• **an important factor** Human influence has been an important factor as regards climate change.

• **a major/minor factor** (=the most or least important of several factors) The country's huge mineral reserves are a major factor behind its economic strength.

• **a key/crucial factor** (=a very important factor) A key factor in a company's success is knowing its customers.

• **the deciding factor** (=the reason for making a particular choice) The closeness of the river was probably the deciding factor when the site was chosen.

• **the decisive/determining factor** (=the one that has the biggest effect) The support of middle-income voters was the decisive factor in the election.

• **a contributing factor** (=one that helps to make something happen) Stress is a contributing factor in many illnesses.

• **economic factors** Economic factors limit our options.

- **environmental factors** Various environmental factors affect the growth of grapes.
- **social factors** Social factors have played their part in the decline in family sizes.
- **a risk factor** (=something that makes you more likely to have an illness) The highest risk factor for coronary heart disease was found to be smoking.

■ **verbs**

- **depend on certain factors** Success depends on certain factors.
- **factors influence something** Various factors influenced the government's decision.
- **factors determine something** The final cost of the product was determined by a combination of factors.
- **factors are responsible for something** These underlying factors were responsible for his death.

■ **phrases**

- **a combination/variety/number of factors** A combination of factors led to the closure of the factory.
- **take certain factors into account** (=to consider factors when making a decision) You should take all these factors into account.

II. **factor**² **AC** *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive] *American English technical*

to divide a number into factors

factor something ↔ **in** (also **factor something into something**) *phrasal verb technical*

to include a particular thing in your calculations about how long something will take, how much it will cost etc

factor something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb technical*

to not include something in your calculations about how long something will take, how much it will cost etc

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12500 **653**^{MCW}

15000 **759**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** **FACTOR** ⁶¹⁸⁴⁵

factor ²⁷⁵¹⁶

factored 488

factoring 276

factors 33565

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

14753 **1550**²⁷²⁹⁸ *nn1*

142 **62604**¹⁴⁵ *vv0*

36 **123798**³⁹ *nnu*

33 **132845**³⁴ *vvi*