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## Prime Factorization Challenge

**Objective:** Practice prime factorization while competing with your classmates.

### Materials:

- One deck of playing cards (remove face cards and jokers)
- Paper and pencil for calculations

### Rules:

1. The dealer shuffles the deck and deals 5 cards to each player.
2. Each player adds up the values of their cards. (Ace = 1, other cards = face value)
3. Players then find the prime factorization of their total.
4. Scoring:
  - 1 point for each unique prime factor
  - 1 bonus point if the total itself is prime
  - 2 bonus points for the player with the largest prime factor each round
5. After scoring, all cards are returned to the deck, reshuffled, and a new round begins.
6. Play for a set number of rounds (e.g., 5 rounds) or until a player reaches a target score.

### Example:

Your hand: 7♠, 4♥, 8♣, 2♦, 3♥

Total:  $7 + 4 + 8 + 2 + 3 = 24$

Prime factorization:  $24 = 2^3 \cdot 3$

### Score:

- 2 points (for unique prime factors 2 and 3)
- 0 bonus points (24 is not prime)
- Possible 2 bonus points if 3 is the largest prime factor among all players

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge:** Can you find a way to determine if you have the largest prime factor without seeing other players' hands?