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Using crayons or colored pencils, mark the numbers on the table according to the key below. Some numbers may be marked with more than one color.

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	multiples of 5 - green	multiples of 7 - purple		

The numbers that are not marked are prime numbers. After you've marked all of the composite



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41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
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## **ANSWER KEY**

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