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1. Explain the difference between a combination and a permutation.

2. Make up a combination problem that has the answer 792.

A combination is a counting of the number of ways a selection can be made. The order of the selection does not affect the counting. A permutation is a counting of the number of arrangements of a selection[1] can be made. The order of the selection is important.

Answers may vary. Sample: There are 12 members of the tennis team. In how many different ways can 5 [2] be selected for a special tournament?