Year 6 – Area and Perimeter

What are area and perimeter?

• Area measures the space **inside** a shape (we often do this in squares)



• Perimeter is the distance around the **outside** of a shape

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- For the area of a rectangle, I **multiply** the width and height
- 7 x 3 = 21
- If the units were cm, the answer would be 21 cm²
- For the perimeter, you simply add up
 all of the edges
- 7 + 3 + 7 + 3 = 20(cm)



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- Area = 84cm²
- Perimeter = 38cm





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Area and perimeter of compound shapes

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- How could you work out the area and perimeter of this shape?



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- We can break this irregular hexagon into 2 regular rectangles.
- Rectangle 1: Area = $4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ cm}^2$
- Rectangle 2: Area = 4 x 10 = 40cm²
- Total area: 52cm²
- Perimeter: 7 + 4 + 3 + 8 + 10 + 4 = 36cm
- The perimeter is still the outside of the whole shape, but it helps to divide into 2 parts to calculate the areas





15 m

11m



15 m

- Perimeter:
- 11 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 15 + 10 = 50m

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A rectangle has an area of 20 cm². Its longer side is 8 cm.

- (a) Find the length of the other side.
- (b) Calculate its perimeter.
- With questions like these, we have to work backwards. It can be helpful to draw/label what we know.
 8cm



• To calculate the area, we have to do 8 x ? = 20 so we can work backwards. $20 \div 8 = 2.5$ cm



Finally, to work out the perimeter, we have to add up **all** the edges. 8 + 2.5 + 2.5 + 8 = 21cm



You do A square has an area of 25 cm². Find its perimeter.

• Hint: what rules do you know about squares?

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A square has an area of 25 cm². Find its perimeter.

- In a square, all the sides must be the same length.
- Conveniently, 25 is a square number, meaning there is a whole number which multiplies by itself to make 25.
- 5 x 5 = 25
- Therefore, each side is 5cm. We need to find the perimeter.



• A square has 4 sides, each of 5cm so the perimeter = 20cm

Area of a rhombus

• In a rhombus, all of the sides are the same length, but they are at an angle. As a result, we can just calculate the area as if it was a normal rectangle, but using the measurements given.



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Area of a triangle

• A triangle has half the area of a rectangle with the same measurements

- In this example, the area of the rectangle would be 24cm²
- The area of the triangle is 12cm²

• B) 32cm²

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Reasoning

The perimeter of the shape is 28 centimetres.

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What is the perimeter of the new shape?

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Reasoning

- 4 curves = 28cm
- 1 curve = 7 cm
- The new shape has 6 curves
- 6 x 7cm = 42cm

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