

Shape Space

Find area and perimeter with triangles and parallelograms.

GRADE 6 • 6.MG.2

6.MG.2 "The student will reason mathematically to solve problems, including those in context, that involve the area and perimeter of triangles and parallelograms..."

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AREA OR PERIMETER?

A parallelogram can be cut along its height and rearranged into a rectangle, so its area is $\text{base} \times \text{height}$. A triangle with the same base and height has half that area, so its area is $(\text{base} \times \text{height}) / 2$. Perimeter is the distance around a shape, found by adding all side lengths.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Find the area of a parallelogram with a base of 15 cm and a perpendicular height of 8 cm.

1. Use $A = \text{base} \times \text{height}$.
2. $A = 15 \times 8$.
3. $A = 120$ square centimeters.

Answer: 120 square centimeters

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Find the area of a triangle with a base of 10 cm and a height of 7 cm.

ANSWER _____

- 2** Find the area of a parallelogram with a base of 9 m and a height of 4 m.

ANSWER _____

- 3** A triangle has side lengths of 13 in., 12 in., and 5 in. Find its perimeter.

ANSWER _____

- 4** A parallelogram has a base of 14 cm and a side length of 3 cm. Find its perimeter.

ANSWER _____

- 5** A triangle has an area of 54 square meters and a base of 12 m. Find its height.

ANSWER _____

- 6** A parallelogram has an area of 70 square centimeters and a height of 10 cm. Find its base.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** The school esports club is making a triangular pennant for its team table. The pennant has a base of 16 in. and a height of 9 in. What is its area?

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ANSWER _____

- 2** A skateboard practice zone is shaped like a parallelogram. Its base is 18 ft, and each slanted side is 7 ft. How much fencing is needed to go around the zone?

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ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

A parallelogram has an area of 84 square units, a height of 7 units, and a slanted side length of 10 units. Find its perimeter.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Find the area of a triangle with a base of 10 cm and a height of 7 cm.	35 square centimeters
2	Find the area of a parallelogram with a base of 9 m and a height of 4 m.	36 square meters
3	A triangle has side lengths of 13 in., 12 in., and 5 in. Find its perimeter.	30 inches
4	A parallelogram has a base of 14 cm and a side length of 3 cm. Find its perimeter.	34 centimeters
5	A triangle has an area of 54 square meters and a base of 12 m. Find its height.	9 meters
6	A parallelogram has an area of 70 square centimeters and a height of 10 cm. Find its base.	7 centimeters

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **72 square inches** Use $A = (\text{base} \times \text{height}) / 2$. Compute $(16 \times 9) / 2 = 72$.
2. **50 feet** A parallelogram has two bases and two equal side lengths. Compute $18 + 18 + 7 + 7 = 50$.

CHALLENGE

44 units

Accept equivalent area units written with squared-unit notation, such as cm^2 . For the challenge, students should find a base of 12 units from $84 \div 7$, then calculate $12 + 12 + 10 + 10$.