

Scale It Up

Use scale relationships to find real and drawing lengths.

GRADE 7 • 7.MG.2.h

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USE THE SCALE

A scale compares a length in a drawing or model with the matching actual length. Multiply to move from a drawing to an actual length when each drawing unit represents more actual units. Divide or use the reciprocal scale factor to move from an actual length to a drawing length.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A museum map uses the scale 1 cm = 6 m. A path measures 4.5 cm on the map. How long is the actual path?

1. Each centimeter stands for 6 m.
2. Multiply: $4.5 \times 6 = 27$.
3. The actual path is 27 m.

Answer: 27 m

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** A trail drawing uses the scale 2 cm = 10 m. A trail measures 3 cm on the drawing. How long is the actual trail?

ANSWER _____

- 2** A map uses the scale 4 cm = 16 km. A real route is 32 km long. How long is the route on the map?

ANSWER _____

- 3** A sign drawing has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{3}{7}$. The actual sign is 35 cm long. How long is the drawing?

ANSWER _____

- 4** A mural drawing has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{2}{5}$. The actual mural is 35 cm wide. How wide is the drawing?

ANSWER _____

- 5** A skateboard model has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{3}{12}$. The real skateboard is 48 cm long. How long is the model?

ANSWER _____

- 6** A playground model uses the scale 5 cm = 20 m. A field measures 9 cm on the model. How long is the actual field?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** The student council makes a floor plan for a gaming corner. The scale is $3 \text{ cm} = 2 \text{ m}$. A wall measures 7.5 cm on the floor plan. How long will the actual wall be?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** For a theater club project, a miniature stage set has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{3}{10}$. A real stage platform is 70 cm long. How long should the platform be in the miniature set?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

A game designer makes a rectangular tabletop arena drawing. The drawing-to-actual scale factor is $\frac{3}{8}$. The drawing is 7.5 cm long and 3 cm wide. What is the actual perimeter in centimeters? Explain how you used the scale factor.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	A trail drawing uses the scale 2 cm = 10 m. A trail measures 3 cm on the drawing. How long is the actual trail?	15 m
2	A map uses the scale 4 cm = 16 km. A real route is 32 km long. How long is the route on the map?	8 cm
3	A sign drawing has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{3}{7}$. The actual sign is 35 cm long. How long is the drawing?	15 cm
4	A mural drawing has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{2}{5}$. The actual mural is 35 cm wide. How wide is the drawing?	14 cm
5	A skateboard model has a drawing-to-actual scale factor of $\frac{3}{12}$. The real skateboard is 48 cm long. How long is the model?	12 cm
6	A playground model uses the scale 5 cm = 20 m. A field measures 9 cm on the model. How long is the actual field?	36 m

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 5 m** Since 3 cm represents 2 m, divide 7.5 by 3 to get 2.5 scale groups. Then multiply 2.5 by 2 m to get 5 m.
- 21 cm** Multiply the actual length by the drawing-to-actual scale factor: $70 \times \frac{3}{10} = 21$. The miniature platform should be 21 cm long.

CHALLENGE

56 cm. The actual lengths are found by multiplying by $\frac{8}{3}$: $7.5 \times \frac{8}{3} = 20$ cm and $3 \times \frac{8}{3} = 8$ cm. The perimeter is $2 \times (20 + 8) = 56$ cm.

Accept equivalent fraction or decimal work when it leads to the correct labeled length. For drawing-to-actual scale factors, students may correctly use the reciprocal to find actual measurements.