

COMMON  
CORE

1-5

# Using Formulas in Geometry

CC.9-12.A.SSE.1 Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context.\* Also CC.9-12.A.CED.4\*

## Objective

Apply formulas for perimeter, area, and circumference.

## Vocabulary

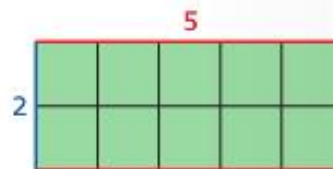
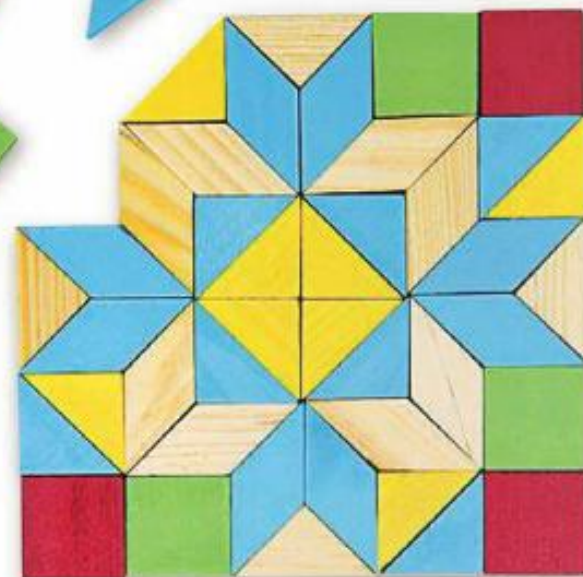
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## Why learn this?

Puzzles use geometric-shaped pieces. Formulas help determine the amount of materials needed. (See Exercise 6.)

The **perimeter**  $P$  of a plane figure is the sum of the side lengths of the figure. The **area**  $A$  of a plane figure is the number of nonoverlapping square units of a given size that exactly cover the figure.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area} &= 2 \text{ units} \times 5 \text{ units} \\ &= 10 \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

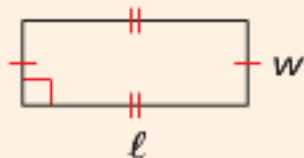


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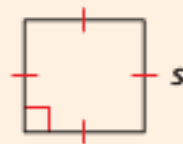
## Perimeter and Area

### RECTANGLE



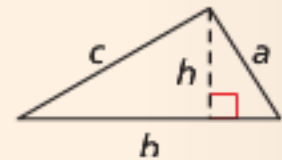
$$P = 2\ell + 2w \text{ or } 2(\ell + w)$$
$$A = \ell w$$

### SQUARE



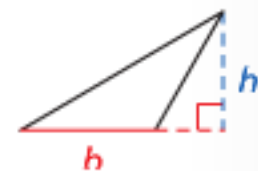
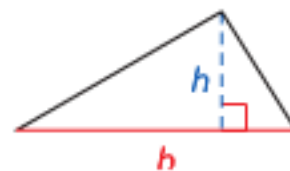
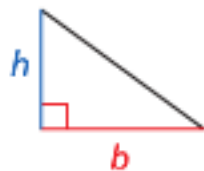
$$P = 4s$$
$$A = s^2$$

### TRIANGLE



$$P = a + b + c$$
$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh \text{ or } \frac{bh}{2}$$

The **base**  $b$  can be any side of a triangle. The **height**  $h$  is a segment from a vertex that forms a right angle with a line containing the base. The height may be a side of the triangle or in the interior or the exterior of the triangle.



## EXAMPLE 1 Finding Perimeter and Area

### Remember!

Perimeter is expressed in linear units, such as inches (in.) or meters (m). Area is expressed in square units, such as square centimeters ( $\text{cm}^2$ ).

Find the perimeter and area of each figure.

**A** rectangle in which  $\ell = 17$  cm and  $w = 5$  cm

$$\begin{aligned}P &= 2\ell + 2w \\ &= 2(17) + 2(5) \\ &= 34 + 10 = 44 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \ell w \\ &= (17)(5) = 85 \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

**B** triangle in which  $a = 8$ ,  $b = (x + 1)$ ,  $c = 4x$ , and  $h = 6$

$$\begin{aligned}P &= a + b + c \\ &= 8 + (x + 1) + 4x \\ &= 5x + 9\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \frac{1}{2}bh \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(x + 1)(6) = 3x + 3\end{aligned}$$



1. Find the perimeter and area of a square with  $s = 3.5$  in.

## EXAMPLE 2 Crafts Application



The Texas Treasures quilt block includes 24 purple triangles. The base and height of each triangle are about 3 in. Find the approximate amount of fabric used to make the 24 triangles.

The area of one triangle is

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(3)(3) = 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ in}^2.$$

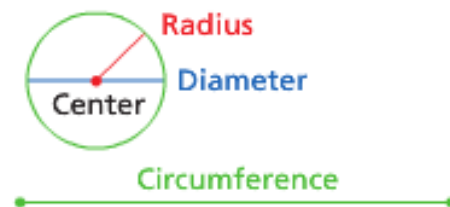
The total area of the 24 triangles is

$$24 \left(4\frac{1}{2}\right) = 108 \text{ in}^2.$$



2. Find the amount of fabric used to make the four rectangles. Each rectangle has a length of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. and a width of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in.

In a circle a **diameter** is a segment that passes through the center of the circle and whose endpoints are on the circle. A **radius** of a circle is a segment whose endpoints are the center of the circle and a point on the circle. The **circumference** of a circle is the distance around the circle.



**Know it!**

*Note*

## Circumference and Area of a Circle

The circumference  $C$  of a circle is given by the formula  $C = \pi d$  or  $C = 2\pi r$ .

The area  $A$  of a circle is given by the formula  $A = \pi r^2$ .

The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter is the same for all circles. This ratio is represented by the Greek letter  $\pi$  (pi). The value of  $\pi$  is irrational. Pi is often approximated as 3.14 or  $\frac{22}{7}$ .

### EXAMPLE

#### 3 Finding the Circumference and Area of a Circle

Find the circumference and area of the circle.

$$C = 2\pi r$$

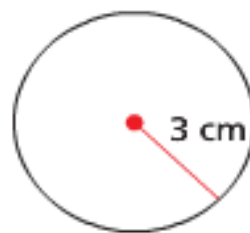
$$= 2\pi(3) = 6\pi$$

$$\approx 18.8 \text{ cm}$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$= \pi(3)^2 = 9\pi$$

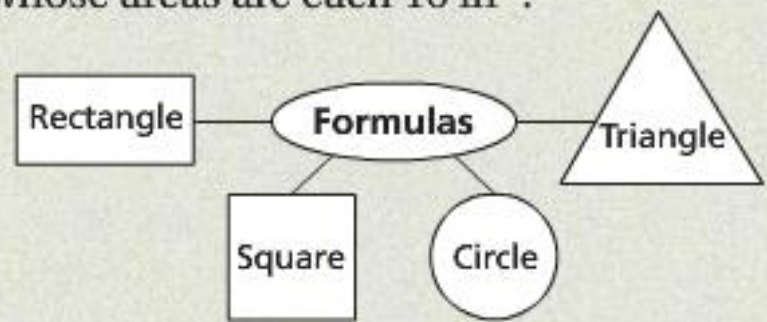
$$\approx 28.3 \text{ cm}^2$$



3. Find the circumference and area of a circle with radius 14 m.

## THINK AND DISCUSS

- Describe three different figures whose areas are each  $16 \text{ in}^2$ .
- GET ORGANIZED** Copy and complete the graphic organizer. In each shape, write the formula for its area and perimeter.



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