

## Area 2

### Stage 3 Outcome

A student:

- › describes and represents mathematical situations in a variety of ways using mathematical terminology and some conventions MA3-1WM
- › selects and applies appropriate problem-solving strategies, including the use of digital technologies, in undertaking investigations MA3-2WM
- › selects and uses the appropriate unit to calculate areas, including areas of squares, rectangles and triangles MA3-10MG

**Language:** Students should be able to communicate using the following language: area, square centimetre, square metre, dimensions, length, width, **base (of triangle)**, **perpendicular height**.

### Teaching and Learning Activities

### Notes/ Future Directions/Evaluation

### Date/ LAC Icons

Explicit Teaching

#### AREA OF A TRIANGLE

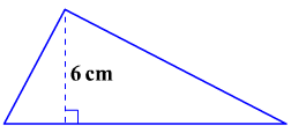
$$\text{Area of a Triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

*Examples*

Find the area:

(a)

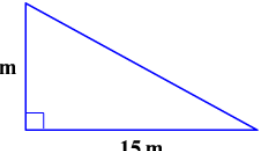


$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times 6$$

$$= 42 \text{ cm}^2$$

(b)

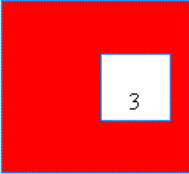


$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 8$$

$$= 60 \text{ m}^2$$

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<p><b>Relationship – Rectangle to Triangle</b></p> <p>Teacher models that a triangle is simply half a rectangle.</p> <p>Students investigate the area of a triangle by comparing the area of a given triangle to the area of the rectangle of the same length and perpendicular height, eg use a copy of the given triangle with the given triangle to form a rectangle</p> <p>Students complete reflecting explaining the relationship between the area of a triangle and the area of the rectangle of the same length and perpendicular height.</p>		<p>Literacy Critical and creative thinking</p>
<p><b>Rectangles with the same Perimeter</b></p> <p>Students investigate and compare the areas of rectangles that have the same perimeter, eg compare the areas of all possible rectangles with whole-number dimensions and a perimeter of 20 centimetres.</p> <p>Students determine the number of different rectangles that can be formed using whole-number dimensions for a given perimeter</p>		<p>Critical and creative thinking</p>
<p><b>Word problem #1:</b> The area of a square is 4 centimetres. What is the length of a side? <b>Important concept:</b> <u>Square</u>. It means 4 equal sides.</p> <p>Area = <math>s \times s = 4 \times 4 = 16</math> centimetres<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>Word problem #2:</b> A small square is located inside a bigger square. The length of one side of the small square is 3 centimetres and the length of one side of the big square is 7 centimetres</p> <p>What is the area of the region located outside the small square, but inside the big square?</p> <p><b>Important concept:</b> <u>Draw a picture and see the problem with your eyes. This is done below:</u></p> 		<p>Literacy Critical and creative thinking</p>

The area that you are looking for is everything is red. So you need to remove the area of the small square from the area of the big square

$$\text{Area of big square} = s \times s = 7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ centimetres}^2$$

$$\text{Area of small square} = s \times s = 3 \times 3 = 9 \text{ centimetres}^2$$

$$\text{Area of the region in red} = 49 - 9 = 40 \text{ centimetres}^2$$

**Word problem #3:**

A classroom has a length of 20 metres and a width of 30 metres. The headmaster decided that tiles will look good in that class. If each tile has a length of 24 centimetres and a width of 36 centimetres, how many tiles are needed to fill the classroom?

**Word problem #4:**

Sometimes area word problems may require skills in algebra, such as factoring and solving quadratic equations

A room whose area is  $24 \text{ m}^2$  has a length that is 2 metres longer than the width. What are the dimensions of the room?

<http://www.basic-mathematics.com/area-word-problems.html>