

C5.2 Area and perimeter

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Objective

Use area and perimeter to solve Core IGCSE Mathematics problems.

You must be able to:

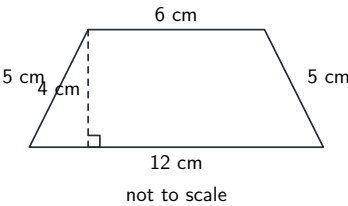
- Choose area formulas using perpendicular heights
- Distinguish boundary length from enclosed area
- Compare equal-area shapes and interpret units

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Key knowledge: Area and perimeter

Perimeter is the distance around the boundary; area measures the region inside. Rectangle: $A = lw$, $P = 2(l + w)$. Triangle: $A = bh/2$. Parallelogram: $A = bh$, using perpendicular height, not the sloping side. Trapezium: $A = (a + b)h/2$, where a, b are the parallel sides. Add all boundary edges for a nonrectangular perimeter.

■ Worked example: Area and perimeter



A trapezium has parallel sides 6 and 12 cm, perpendicular height 4 cm and other sides 5 and 5 cm.

- Area: $A = (a + b)h/2 = (6 + 12)4/2 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$.
- Perimeter: $P = 6 + 12 + 5 + 5 = 28 \text{ cm}$.
- A triangle of base 9 cm and height 6 cm has $A = bh/2 = 9(6)/2 = 27 \text{ cm}^2$.

■ Method check

Equal areas do not imply equal perimeters. A perimeter follows the outside boundary once; an area measures the enclosed region.

2 Practice

2.1 Find the area and perimeter of a $7 \times 4 \text{ cm}$ rectangle. [2]

2.2 Find the area of a triangle with base 12 cm and perpendicular height 5 cm. [2]

2.3 A parallelogram has base 8 cm, perpendicular height 3 cm and sloping side 4 cm. Find its area. [2]

2.4 A trapezium has parallel sides 7 and 13 cm and height 6 cm. Find its area. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Apply the area and perimeter methods below. Show working and include units where appropriate.

(a) A rectangle is 12 m by 7 m. Find its perimeter. [2]

(b) A triangular garden has base 12 m and perpendicular height 4 m. Find its area. [2]

(c) A parallelogram has the same area as that triangle and base 8 m. Find its perpendicular height. [2]

3.2 A rectangle measures 12 m by 8 m. A square has the same area.

(a) Find the rectangle's area and perimeter. [3]

(b) Find the square side and perimeter, giving the perimeter to one decimal place. Which shape needs less boundary fencing? [3]
