



Maths

Measurement

Area of Triangles and Parallelograms Reasoning



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Aim

I can solve reasoning questions involving calculating the area of triangles and parallelograms.

Success Criteria

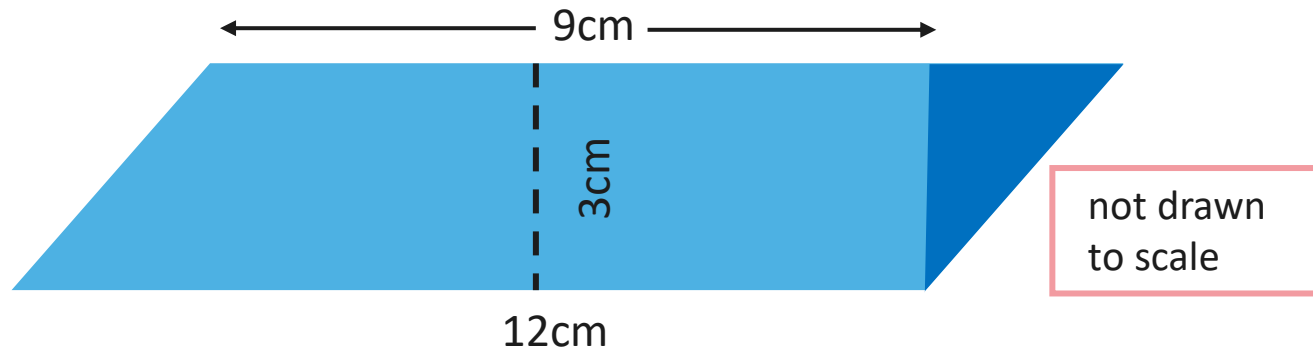
- I can break down complex problems into smaller steps.
- I can use mathematical language to explain solutions to problems.

Guided Maths Question 1



Read this reasoning question carefully.

Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



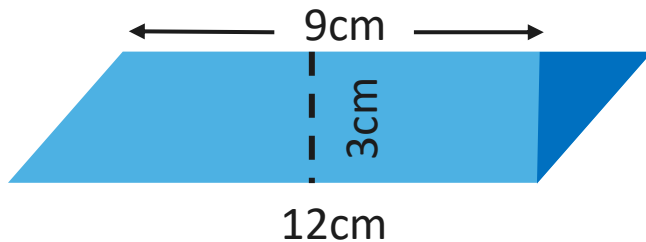
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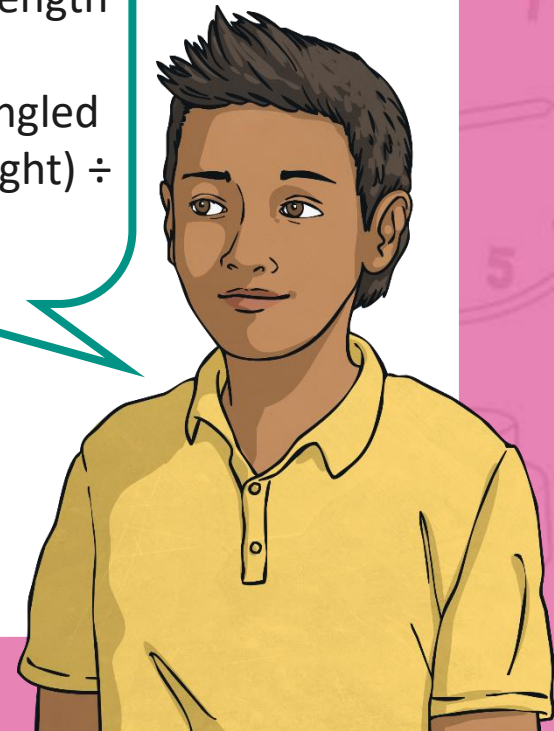


Next, let's think about what we **already know** in order to help us answer the question correctly.

Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



I know the area of a parallelogram is the length $\times$ height.
The area of a right-angled triangle is $(\text{base} \times \text{height}) \div 2$.

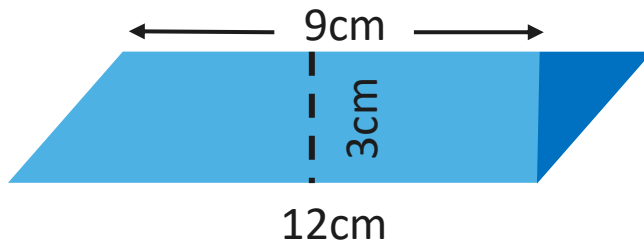


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Now we are ready to **apply our learning** to solve the question.

Calculate the **area** of the **parallelogram** and the area of the **right-angled triangle** inside the parallelogram.



The area of the parallelogram
 $= 12\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm} = \mathbf{36\text{cm}^2}$

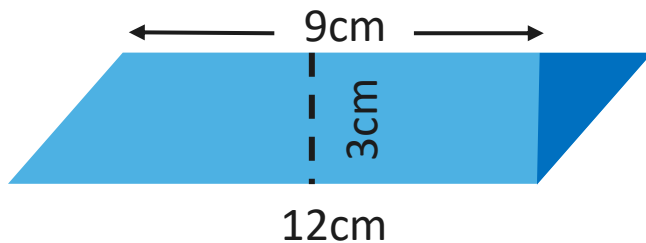


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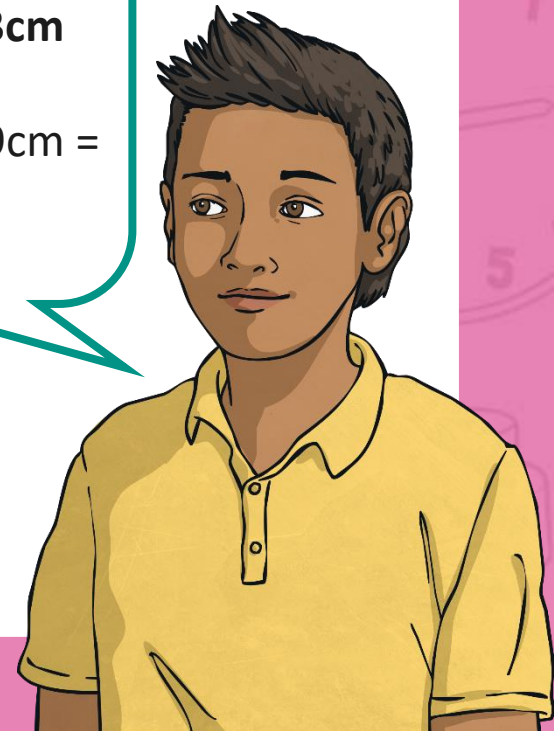
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Calculate the **area** of the **parallelogram** and the area of the **right-angled triangle** inside the **parallelogram**.



The height of the right-angled triangle = **3cm**

The base = $12\text{cm} - 9\text{cm} =$
3cm.

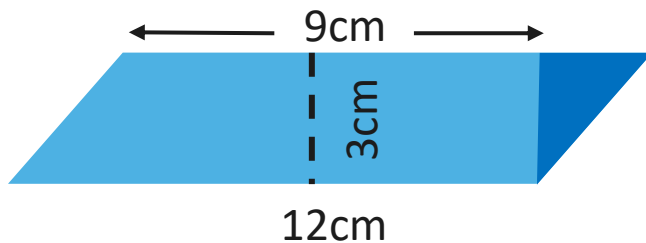


Guided Maths Question 1



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Calculate the **area** of the **parallelogram** and the area of the **right-angled triangle** inside the parallelogram.



The area of the right-angled triangle =
 $(3\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}) \div 2 =$
 4.5cm^2

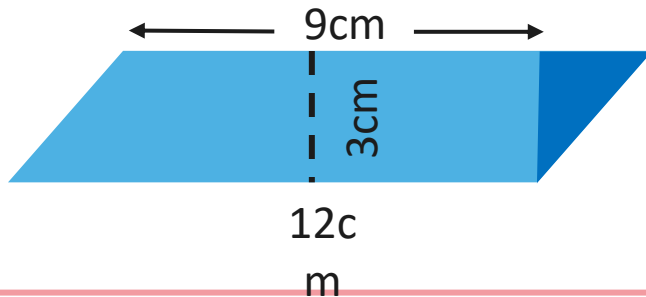


Guided Maths Question 1



Let's double check our calculations to ensure the answers are correct.

Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



$$\text{Parallelogram area} = 3\text{cm} \times 12\text{cm} = 36\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{Triangle area} = (3 \times 3\text{cm}) \div 2 = 4.5\text{cm}^2$$

Answer:

The area of the parallelogram = 36cm^2

The area of the right-angled triangle = 4.5cm^2

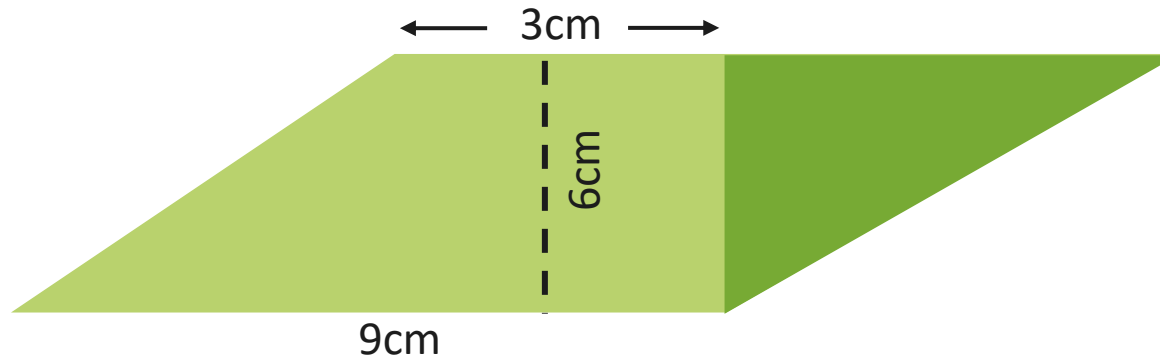


Partner Maths Question 1



Working with a partner, use your reasoning skills to answer this question

Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.

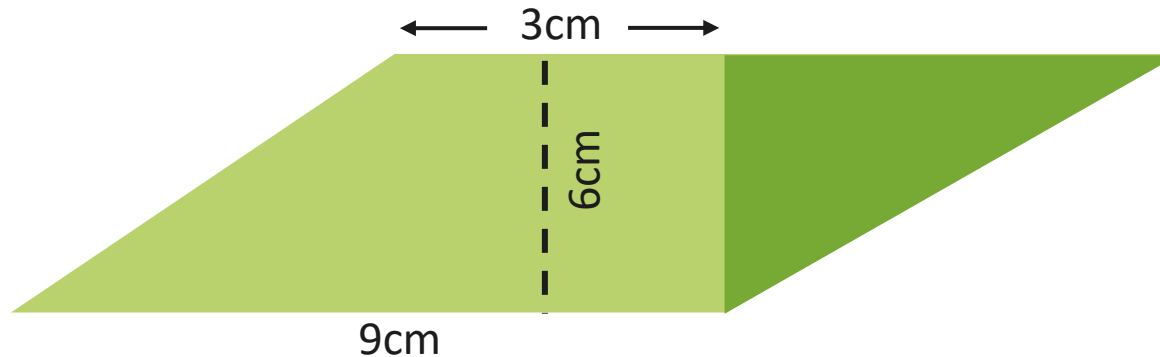


Partner Maths Question 1



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Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



Area of parallelogram = 54cm^2

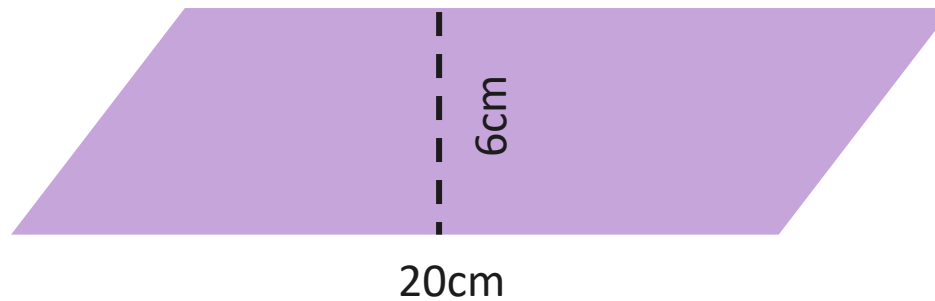
Area of right-angled triangle = 18cm^2

Guided Maths Question 2



Read this reasoning question carefully.

Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.



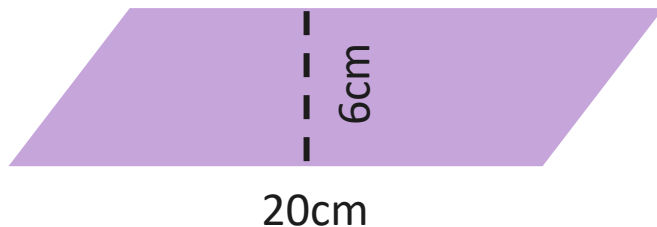
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Guided Maths Question 2



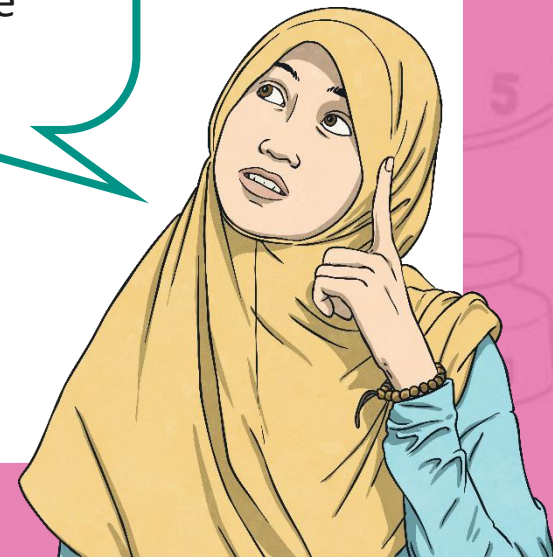
Next, let's think about what we **already know** in order to help us answer the question correctly.

Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.



The parallelogram has an area of 120cm^2 .

The area of the triangle would need to be the same.

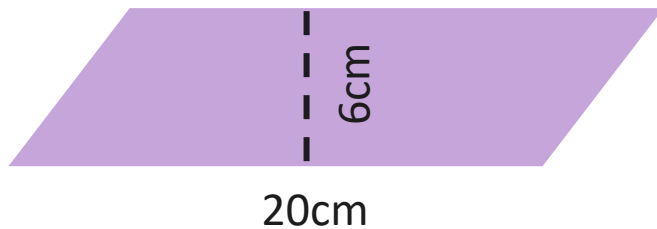


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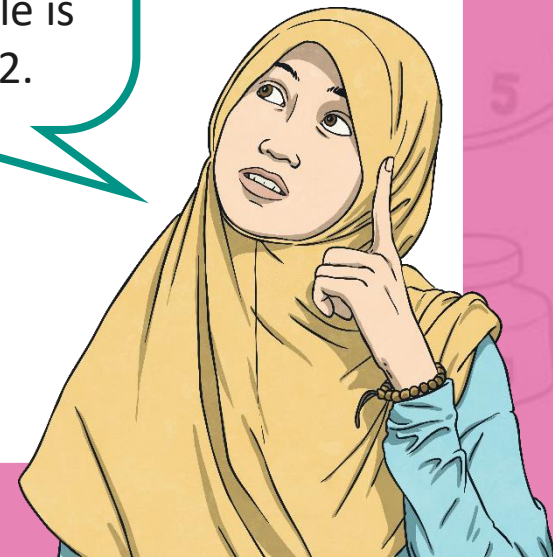
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One example of two numbers which have a product of 120 is 10×12 .

The area of a triangle is $(\text{base} \times \text{height}) \div 2$.

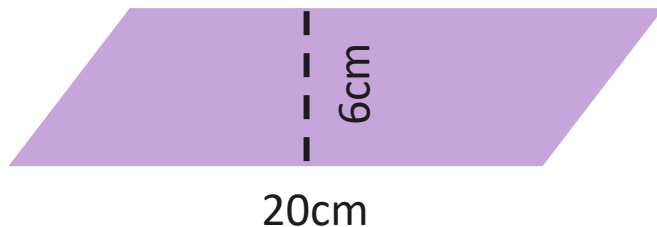


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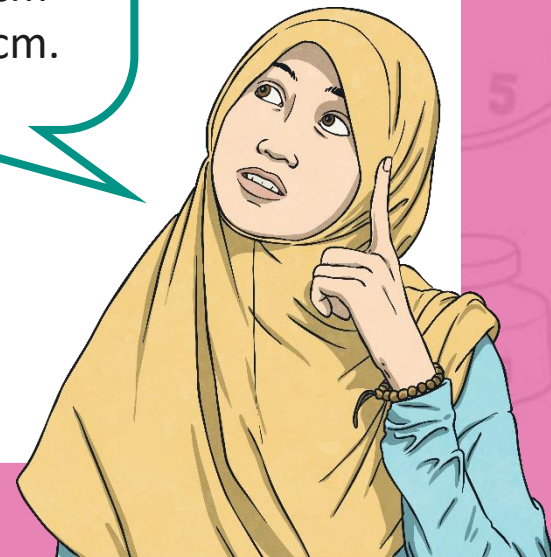


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Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.



Therefore, one of the dimensions would need to be doubled.
So the dimensions could be $20\text{cm} \times 12\text{cm}$ or $40\text{cm} \times 6\text{cm}$ or $10\text{cm} \times 24\text{cm}$.



Guided Maths Question 2



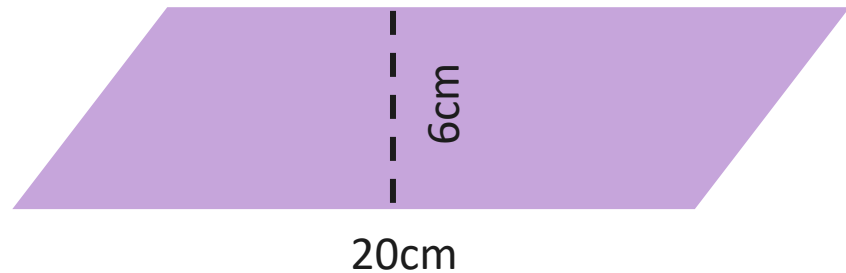
Let's check our answers by checking that the dimensions give an area of 120cm^2 .

Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.

Triangle 1:

20cm and 12cm

$$(20\text{cm} \times 12\text{cm}) \div 2 = \\ \mathbf{120\text{cm}^2}$$



Guided Maths Question 2



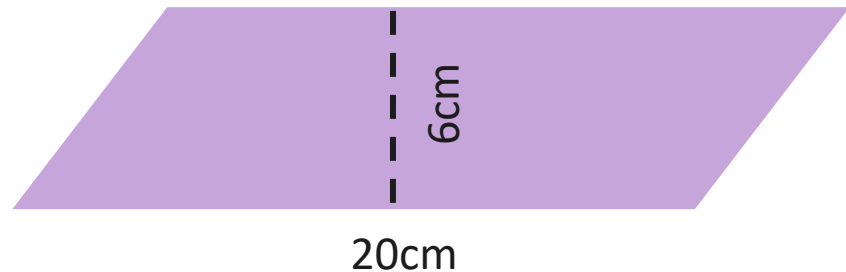
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Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.

Triangle 2:

10cm and 24cm

$$(10\text{cm} \times 24\text{cm}) \div 2 = 120\text{cm}^2$$



Answer:

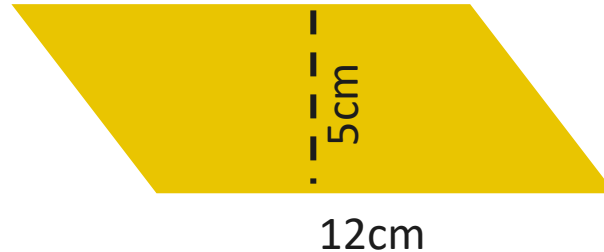
The triangle could have the dimensions 20cm and 12cm or 10cm and 24cm. These are not the only triangles with an area of 120cm^2 !

Partner Maths Question 2



Working with a partner, use your reasoning skills to answer this question.

Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.

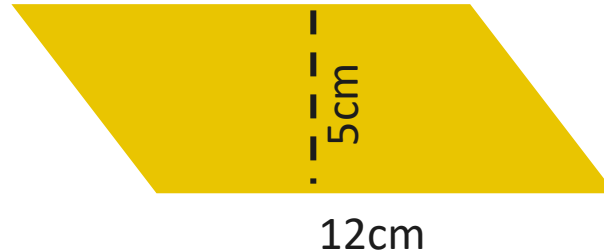


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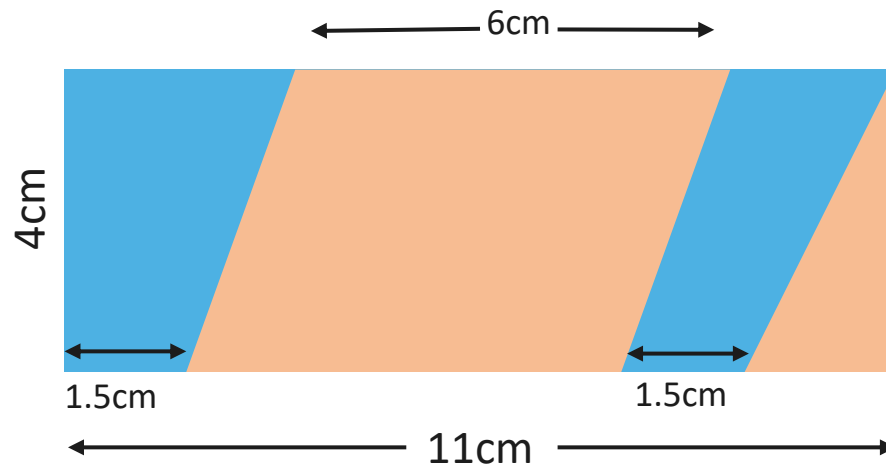
There are multiple possible answers, including:
10cm and 12cm 20cm and 6cm
60cm and 2cm 30cm and 4cm
15cm and 8cm

Guided Maths Question 3



Read this reasoning question carefully.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



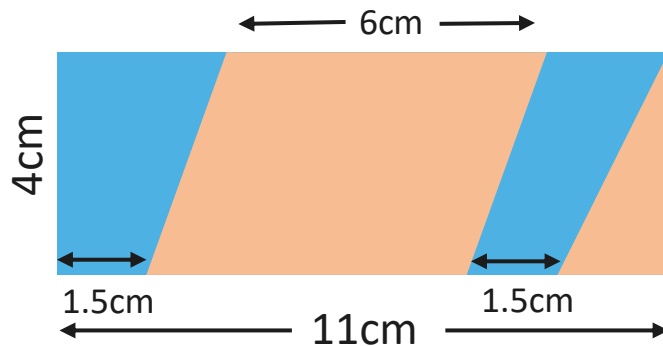
Let's highlight the important information and key vocabulary to show we **understand** the question.

Guided Maths Question 3



Next, let's think about what we **already know** in order to help us answer the question correctly.

Calculate the **total area** of this shape which is shaded **blue**.



Area of a rectangle =
 $\text{length} \times \text{width}$

Area of parallelogram =
 $\text{length} \times \text{height}$

Area of triangle =
 $(\text{base} \times \text{height}) \div 2$

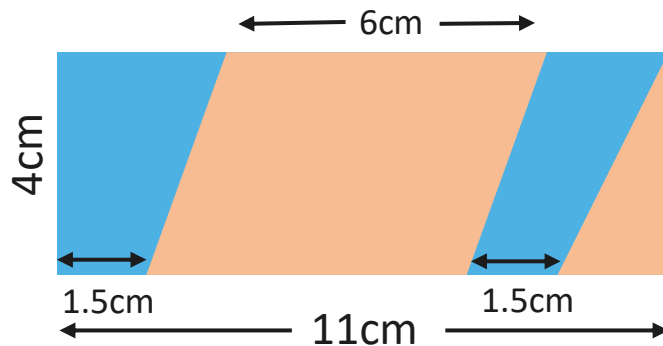


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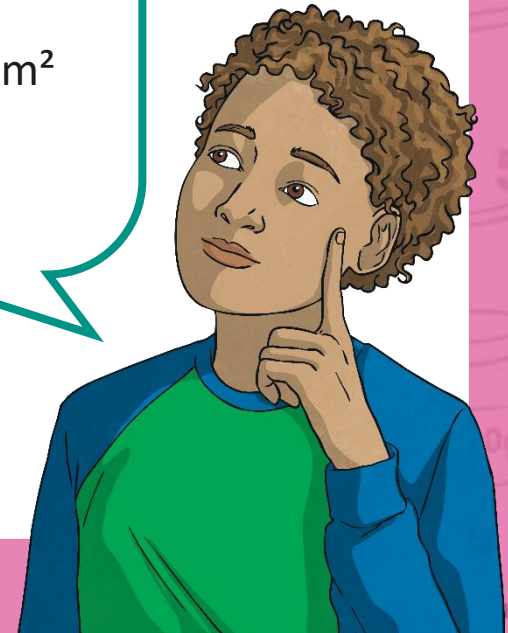
Now we are ready to **apply our learning** to solve the question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



First, let's calculate the area of the rectangle.

$$11\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm} = 44\text{cm}^2$$

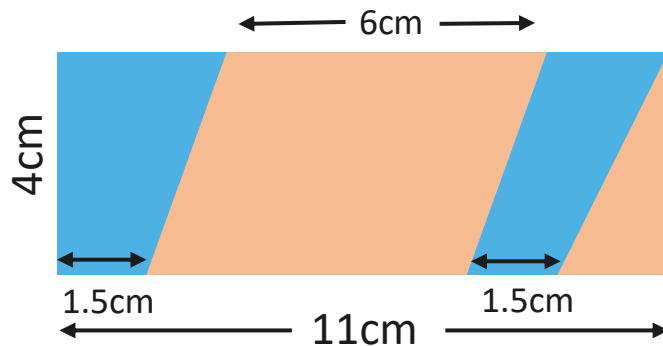


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Now we are ready to **apply our learning** to solve the question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



Next, let's calculate the area of the parallelogram.
The length is 6cm, the height is 4cm.

$$6\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm} = 24\text{cm}^2$$

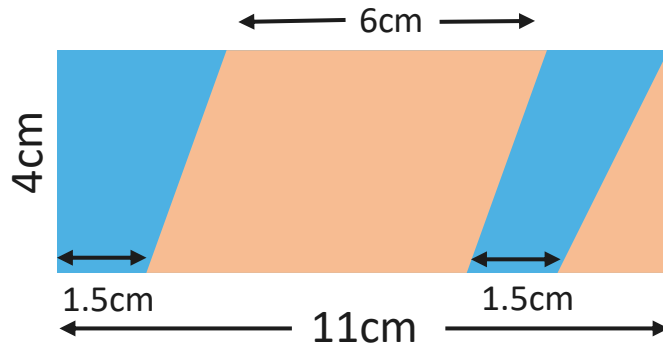


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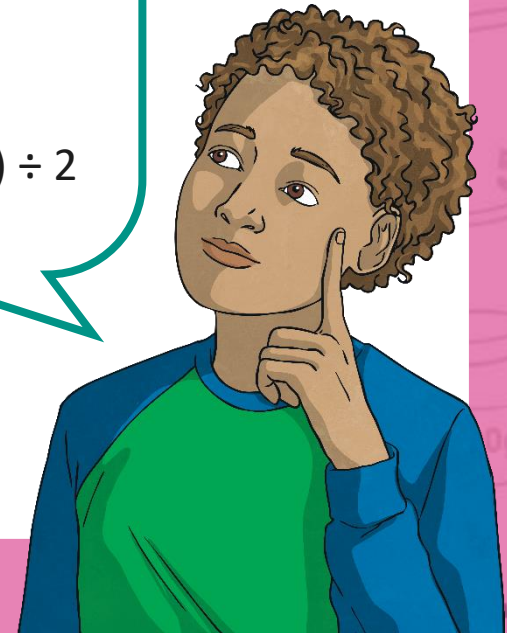
Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



Now, let's calculate the area of the triangle.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The base} &= \\ 11\text{cm} - 1.5\text{cm} - 6\text{cm} - \\ 1.5\text{cm} &= 2\text{cm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= (2\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm}) \div 2 \\ &= 4\text{cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

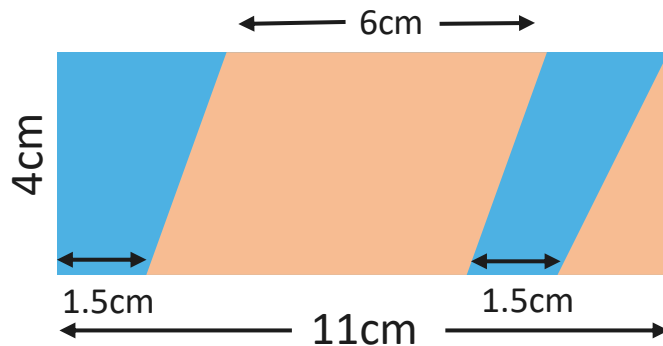


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Now we are ready to **apply our learning** to solve the question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



Let's add together the area of the parallelogram and the triangle:

$$24\text{cm}^2 + 4\text{cm}^2 = 28\text{cm}^2$$

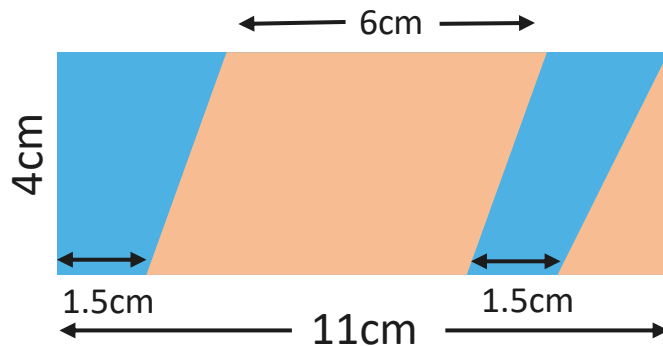


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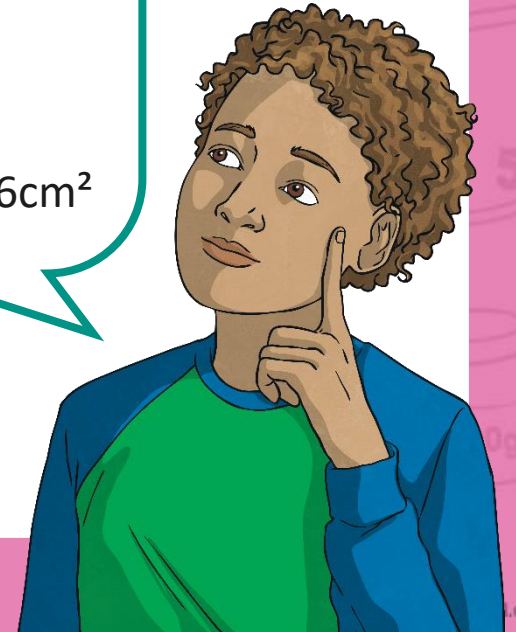
Now we are ready to **apply our learning** to solve the question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



Finally, subtract the area of the parallelogram and the area of the triangle from the area of the rectangle:

$$44\text{cm}^2 - 28\text{cm}^2 = 16\text{cm}^2$$

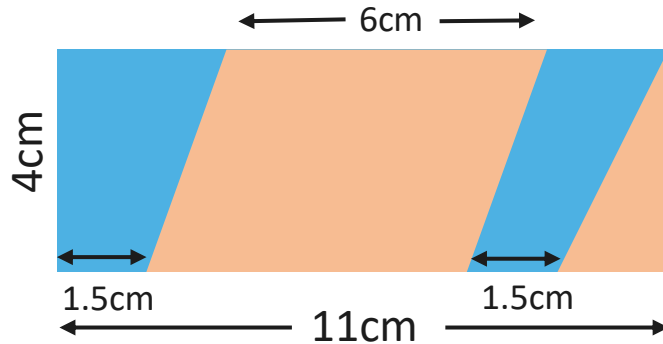


Guided Maths Question 3



Let's check our answers, by summarising our working out.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded blue.



The area of the blue part of the shape is 16cm^2 .

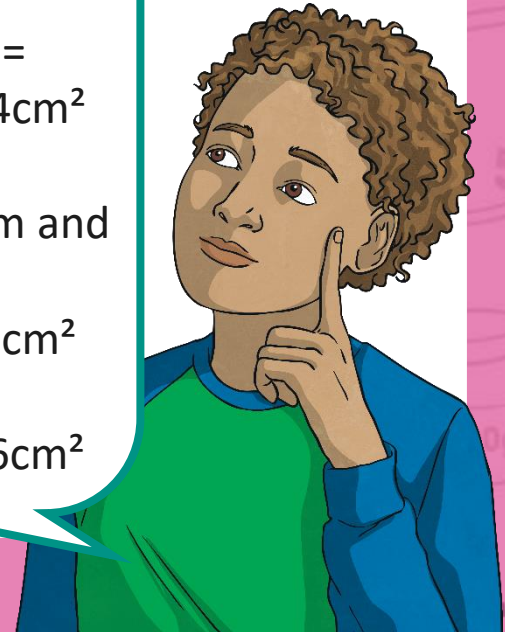
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of rectangle} &= \\ 11\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm} &= 44\text{cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of parallelogram} &= \\ 6\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm} &= 24\text{cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of triangle} &= \\ (2\text{cm} \times 4\text{cm}) \div 2 &= 4\text{cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of parallelogram and} \\ \text{triangle} &= \\ 24\text{cm}^2 + 4\text{cm}^2 &= 28\text{cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$44\text{cm}^2 - 28\text{cm}^2 = 16\text{cm}^2$$

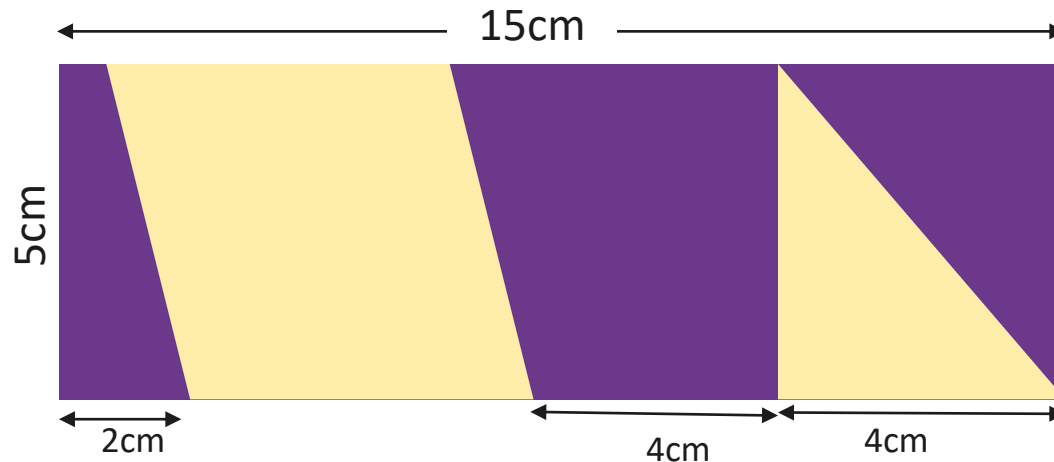


Partner Maths Question 3



Working with a partner, use your reasoning skills to answer this question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded purple.

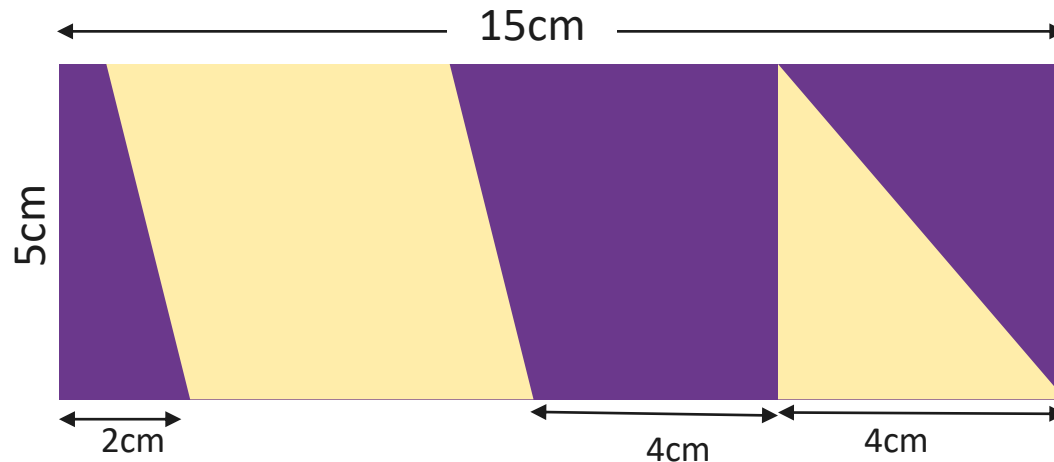


Partner Maths Question 3



Working with a partner, use your reasoning skills to answer this question.

Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded purple.



$$= 40\text{cm}^2$$



Activities

Red – 1 Star

Yellow – 2 Star

Green – 3 Star

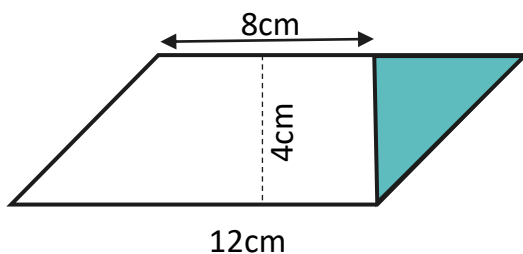
Reasoning Practice Answers



Did you correctly answer the **first** reasoning question?



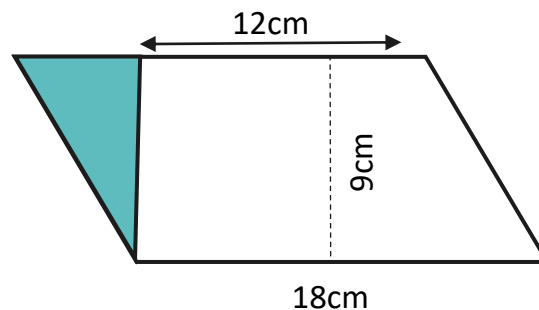
Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



Parallelogram = 48cm^2
Triangle = 8cm^2



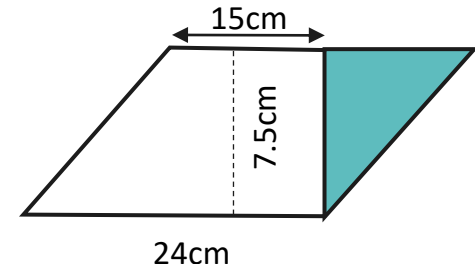
Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



Parallelogram = 162cm^2
Triangle = 27cm^2



Calculate the area of the parallelogram and the area of the right-angled triangle inside the parallelogram.



Parallelogram = 180cm^2
Triangle = 33.75cm^2

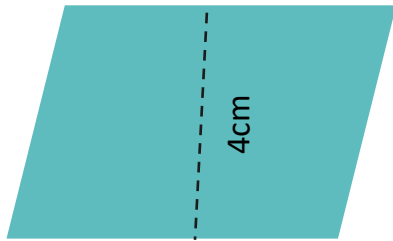
Reasoning Practice Answers



Did you correctly answer the **second** reasoning question?



Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.

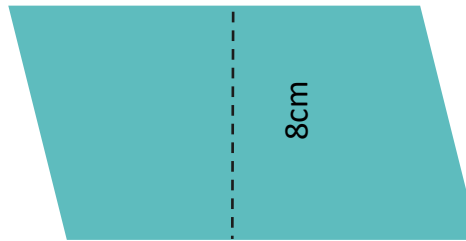


6cm

The triangle's dimensions need to have the product of 48cm^2 , for example $1\text{cm} \times 48\text{cm}$, $2\text{cm} \times 24\text{cm}$, $3\text{cm} \times 16\text{cm}$, $4\text{cm} \times 12\text{cm}$, $6\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$.



Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.

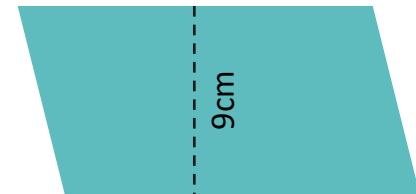


12cm

The triangle's dimensions need to have a product of 192cm^2 , for example, $1\text{cm} \times 192\text{cm}$, $2\text{cm} \times 96\text{cm}$, $3\text{cm} \times 64\text{cm}$, $4\text{cm} \times 48\text{cm}$, $6\text{cm} \times 32\text{cm}$, $8\text{cm} \times 24\text{cm}$, $12\text{cm} \times 16\text{cm}$.



Give the dimensions of a triangle which would have the same area as this parallelogram.



18cm

The triangle's dimensions need to have a product of 324cm^2 , for example, $1\text{cm} \times 324\text{cm}$, $2\text{cm} \times 162\text{cm}$, $3\text{cm} \times 108\text{cm}$, $4\text{cm} \times 81\text{cm}$, $6\text{cm} \times 54\text{cm}$, $9\text{cm} \times 36\text{cm}$, $12\text{cm} \times 27\text{cm}$, $18\text{cm} \times 18\text{cm}$.

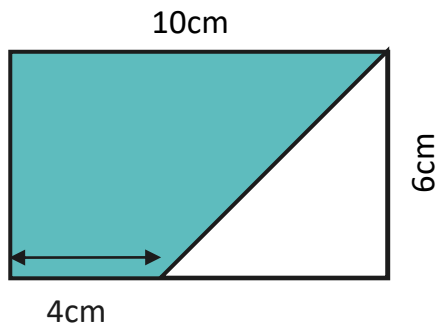
Reasoning Practice Answers



Did you correctly answer the **third** reasoning question?



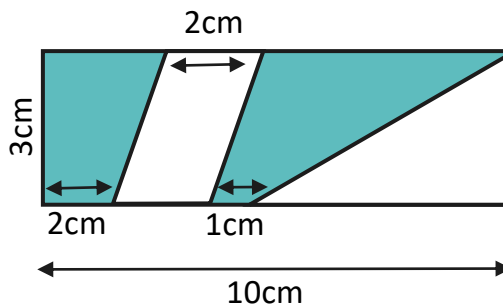
Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded.



Area of shaded part =
 42cm^2



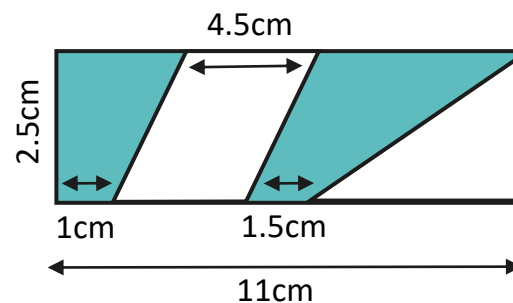
Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded.



Area of shaded part =
 16.5cm^2



Calculate the total area of this shape which is shaded.



Area of shaded part =
 11.25cm^2