

Maths

Measurement

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Area of Parallelograms





Aim

I can find the area of a parallelogram.

Success Criteria

- I can find the area of a parallelogram by multiplying the length by the height.
- I can explain why the formula works for a parallelogram.
- I can solve problems involving calculating the area of parallelograms.





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How to Calculate the Area of a Parallelogram

To calculate the area of a parallelogram, you need to multiply the length of the parallelogram by the height (not the sides).

Here is a parallelogram:



9cm × 3cm = 27cm

The area of this parallelogram is **27cm²**.

How to Calculate the Area of a Parallelogram

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9cm

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To calculate the area of a parallelogram, you need to multiply the length of the parallelogram by the height. If we were to cut off a right angled-triangle from the end of the parallelogram...

and add it to the other end of the shape...

we would have a rectangle with the dimensions 3cm × 9cm, so the area would be **27cm²**.

Find the Area of a Parallelogram



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Parallelogram Problem

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	This parallelogram is the only parallelogram which doesn't have a whole number area.	
	If both dimensions of this parallelogram were doubled, this parallelogram would have an area of 800cm ² .	
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Here is a parallelogram. You are given the height and the area. How can you work out the base of the parallelogram? Let's put the information we know into a calculation: = 128cm² **8** × To find out what number will fit into the missing box, we can do an inverse operation: $128 \text{ cm}^2 \div 8 =$ 128 ÷ 8 = **16** base = 16cm Let's check: 16 × 8 = 128

area = E 128cm² ∞









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Activities

Red – 1 Star

Yellow – 2 Star

Green – 3 Star

Purple – extra challenge

Mastery – all groups