

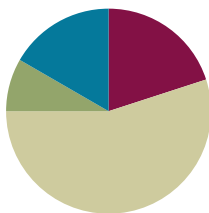
Lesson 4

Objective: Relate side lengths with the number of tiles on a side.

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Suggested Lesson Structure

■ Fluency Practice	(12 minutes)
■ Application Problem	(5 minutes)
■ Concept Development	(33 minutes)
■ Student Debrief	(10 minutes)
Total Time	(60 minutes)



Fluency Practice (12 minutes)

- Group Counting **3.OA.1** (3 minutes)
- Products in an Array **3.OA.3** (3 minutes)
- Count the Square Units **3.MD.6** (6 minutes)

Group Counting (3 minutes)

Note: Group counting reviews interpreting multiplication as repeated addition.

Direct students to count forward and backward, occasionally changing the direction of the count.

- Sixes to 60
- Sevens to 70
- Eights to 80
- Nines to 90

Products in an Array (3 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white boards

Note: This fluency anticipates relating multiplication with area in G3–M4–Topic B.

- T: (Project an array with 5 rows of 3 stars.) How many rows of stars do you see?
 S: 5 rows.
 T: How many stars are in each row?
 S: 3 stars.
 T: On your boards, write two multiplication sentences that can be used to find the total number of stars.

S: (Write $5 \times 3 = 15$ and $3 \times 5 = 15$.)

Continue with the following possible sequence: 4 by 6, 7 by 3, 8 by 5, and 9 by 7.

Count the Square Units (6 minutes)

Note: This fluency reviews comparing the area of different shapes.

T: (Project an 8×1 tiled array.) How many square units are in the rectangle?

S: 8 units.

T: (Write *8 units* next to the rectangle. Project a 4×2 tiled array.) How many square units are in the rectangle?

S: 8 units.

T: (Write *8 units* next to the rectangle. Project a 2×4 tiled array.) How many square units are in the rectangle?

S: 8 units.

T: (Write *8 units* next to the rectangle. Project a 1×8 tiled array.) How many square units are in the rectangle?

S: 8 units.

T: (Write *8 units* next to the rectangle.) Do the four rectangles look the same?

S: No.

T: What do the rectangles have in common?

S: They are each made up of 8 square units.

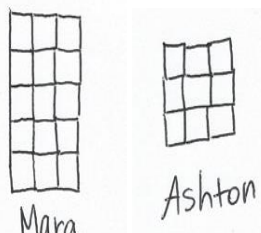
Continue with the following possible sequence: 12×1 , 1×12 , 6×2 , 3×4 , 2×6 , and 4×3 .

Application Problem (5 minutes)

Mara uses 15 square-centimeter tiles to make a rectangle. Ashton uses 9 square-centimeter tiles to make a rectangle.

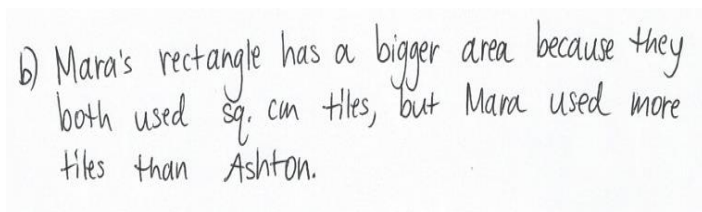
- Draw what Mara's and Ashton's rectangles might look like.
- Whose rectangle has a bigger area? How do you know?

a)



Mara's rectangle is a 5x3 grid of squares. Ashton's rectangle is a 3x3 grid of squares.

b)



Mara's rectangle has a bigger area because they both used sq. cm tiles, but Mara used more tiles than Ashton.

Note: This problem reviews G3–M4–Lesson 2, specifically tiling with square units. Invite students to share and compare their drawings for Mara's and Ashton's rectangles.

Concept Development (33 minutes)

Materials: (S) 15 square-inch and square-centimeter tiles, ruler, personal white board

Pass out 15 square-inch tiles to each student.

T: These tiles are square...?

S: Inches!

T: Use the tiles to make a 3 by 5 array. (Allow students time to make array.) Push the tiles together to form a rectangle with no gaps or overlaps. What is the area of your rectangle?

S: 15 square inches.

T: I see your squares are nicely arranged to form a rectangle. What about these? (Project Rectangles A and B shown at right.) I used 15 square-inch tiles to make both of these rectangles. Talk to a partner. Is the area of both rectangles 15 square inches?

S: Yes, the number of tiles is the same. → No, A's area is bigger than 15 square inches because there are gaps between the tiles. B's area is smaller because some of the tiles are on top of each other.

T: Why is it important to avoid gaps or overlaps when we measure area?

S: If there are gaps or overlaps the amount of space the rectangle takes up changes. → The square unit would be wrong since some area is taken away if there are overlaps or some is added if there are gaps.

T: Use your ruler to measure across the top of your rectangle in inches. What is the length of this side?

S: 5 inches.

T: How many tiles are on this side?

S: 5 tiles.

T: Use your ruler to measure the shorter side of the rectangle in inches. What is the length of this side?

S: 3 inches.

T: How many tiles are on this side?

S: 3 tiles!

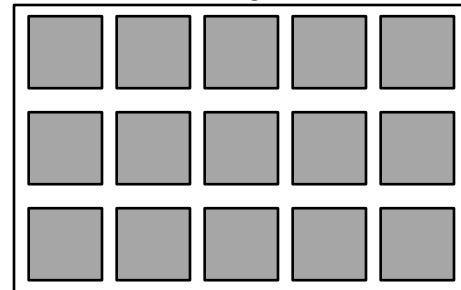
T: What is the relationship between the number of tiles on a side and the side length of the rectangle?

S: They're the same!

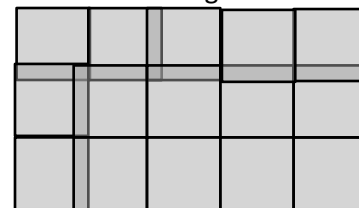
T: What do you notice about the lengths of the opposite sides of the rectangles?

S: They are equal!

Rectangle A



Rectangle B



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**NOTES ON
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OF REPRESENTATION:**

Scaffold student contrast of *length* and *area*. Consider placing a long string along the side of the rectangle, or have students trace the side with a finger to better illustrate *length*. In contrast, have students shade in the *area* before writing 15 square inches.

- T: Trace the rectangle on your board, then remove the tiles and label the side lengths. Now write the area inside the rectangle. What are the units for the side lengths?
- S: Inches.
- T: What are the units for the area?
- S: Square inches.
- T: Talk to a partner, why are the units different for side lengths and area?
- S: The unit for side lengths is inches because we used a ruler to measure the length of the side in inches. For area, the unit is square inches because we counted the number of square-inch tiles that we used to make the rectangle.
- T: Inches are used to measure lengths, like the side lengths, and square inches are used to measure the amount of flat space a figure takes up, which is the area.

Direct students to exchange square-inch tiles for square-centimeter tiles.

- T: These tiles are square...
- S: Centimeters!
- T: Use them to make a rectangle with side lengths of 5 centimeters and 4 centimeters. (Write 5 cm and 4 cm.) Tell your partner how many tiles you'll count to make each side.
- S: I'll make one side with 5 tiles and the other with 4 tiles. → Actually we'll count 5 tiles each for two sides of the rectangle, and 4 tiles each for the other two sides. Opposite sides are the same, remember?
- T: Make your rectangle on top of your personal board. Label the side lengths.
- S: (Make rectangle and label side lengths 5 cm and 4 cm.)
- T: How many fives did you make? Why?
- S: 4 fives, because the other side length is 4.
- T: What is the total of 4 fives?
- S: 20.
- T: Skip-count your fives to find the total area of the rectangle. (Pause.) What is the total area?
- S: 20 square centimeters!
- T: What is the relationship between the side lengths and area?
- S: If you multiply 5 times 4 then you get 20!



NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF REPRESENTATION:

Alternatively, build the rectangle in 4 rows of 5 centimeter tiles. As students place each row, encourage careful and meaningful counting. Students may benefit from counting each tile in the row so as not to add extra tiles. Then, recapture by counting by fives, "5, 10, 15, 20."

If time allows, repeat the process with a rectangle with side lengths of 3 centimeters and 6 centimeters. As students are ready, tell them the area and let them build a rectangle and name the side lengths.

Problem Set (10 minutes)

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted 10 minutes. For some classes, it may be appropriate to modify the assignment by specifying which problems they work on first. Some problems do not specify a method for solving. Students solve these problems using the RDW approach used for Application Problems.

Student Debrief (10 minutes)

Lesson Objective: Relate side lengths with the number of tiles on a side.

The Student Debrief is intended to invite reflection and active processing of the total lesson experience.

Invite students to review their solutions for the Problem Set. They should check work by comparing answers with a partner before going over answers as a class. Look for misconceptions or misunderstandings that can be addressed in the Debrief. Guide students in a conversation to debrief the Problem Set and process the lesson.

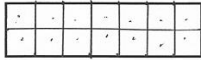
You may choose to use any combination of the questions below to lead the discussion.

- Tell a partner how you could use square-centimeter tiles to check your work in Problem 1.
- Compare the areas of the rectangles in Problems 1 and 2. Which rectangle has a bigger area? How do you know?
- What are the side lengths of the shape in Problem 3? Are all the sides the same? How do you know? What shape is this?
- What is the area of the rectangle in Problem 4? Explain how you found the area to a partner.
- How many centimeter tiles fit in the rectangle in Problem 5? Is that the area of the rectangle in square centimeters? Why or why not?
- In Problem 6, if the side length of A is 4 units, would 3 units make sense for the side length of B? Why or why not? What *would* make sense?

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1. Use a ruler to measure the side lengths of the rectangle in centimeters. Mark each centimeter with hash marks and connect the points. Then count the squares you drew to find the total area.



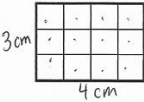
Total area: 14 square centimeters

2. Use a ruler to measure the side lengths of the rectangle in inches. Mark each inch with hash marks and connect the points. Then count the squares you drew to find the total area.



Total area: 6 square inches

3. Mariana uses square centimeter tiles to find the side lengths of the rectangle below. Label each side length. Then count the tiles to find the total area.





Total area: 12 square centimeters

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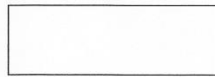
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4. Each  is 1 square centimeter. Saffron says that the side length of the rectangle below is 4 centimeters. Kevin says the side length is 5 centimeters. Who is correct? Explain how you know.



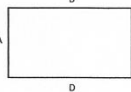
They are both correct because I counted the tiles across the top and there are 5 tiles, which means the side length is 5 cm and I counted the tiles along the side and there are 4 tiles, which equals 4 cm.

5. Use both square centimeter and square inch tiles to find the area of the rectangle below. Which works best? Explain why.



Square inch tiles work best because I can fit 3 tiles in the rectangle. When I tried to use square centimeter tiles, they didn't completely fill the rectangle.

6. How does knowing side lengths A and B help you find side lengths C and D?



If you know side length B, you also know side length D and if you know side length A, you also know side length C because the opposite sides of a rectangle are equal.

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Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help you assess the students' understanding of the concepts that were presented in the lesson today and plan more effectively for future lessons. You may read the questions aloud to the student.

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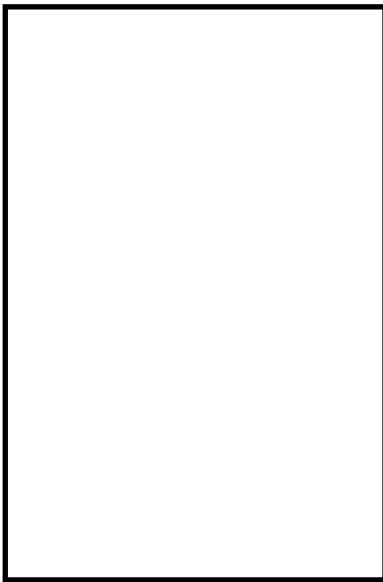
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1. Use a ruler to measure the side lengths of the rectangle in centimeters. Mark each centimeter with a point and connect the points to show the square units. Then count the squares you drew to find the total area.



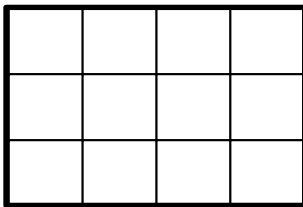
Total area: _____

2. Use a ruler to measure the side lengths of the rectangle in inches. Mark each inch with a point and connect the points to show the square units. Then count the squares you drew to find the total area.




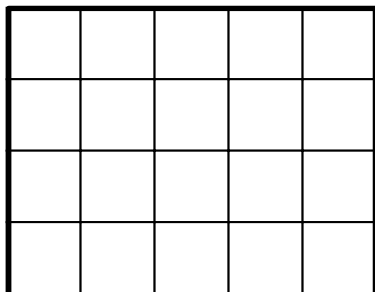
Total area: _____

3. Mariana uses square-centimeter tiles to find the side lengths of the rectangle below. Label each side length. Then count the tiles to find the total area.



Total area: _____

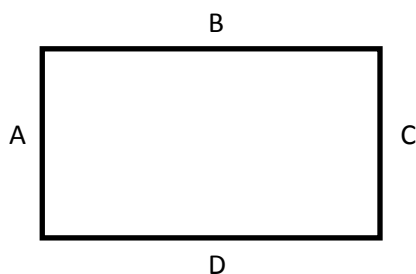
4. Each  is 1 square centimeter. Saffron says that the side length of the rectangle below is 4 centimeters. Kevin says the side length is 5 centimeters. Who is correct? Explain how you know.



5. Use both square-centimeter and square-inch tiles to find the area of the rectangle below. Which works best? Explain why.



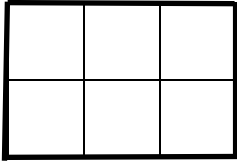
6. How does knowing side lengths A and B help you find side lengths C and D on the rectangle below?



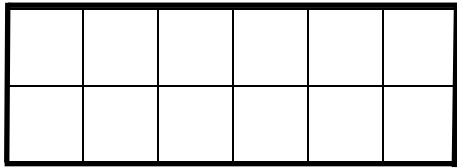
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Label the side lengths of each rectangle. Then match the rectangle to its total area.



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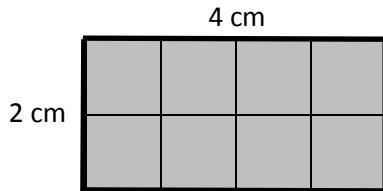


6 sq cm

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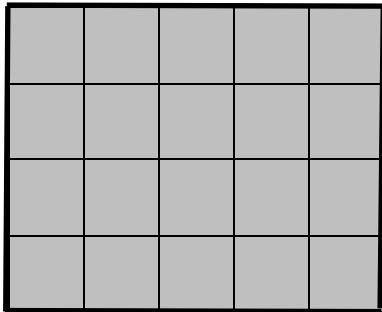
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1. Ella placed square-centimeter tiles on the rectangle below, and then labeled the side lengths. What is the area of her rectangle?



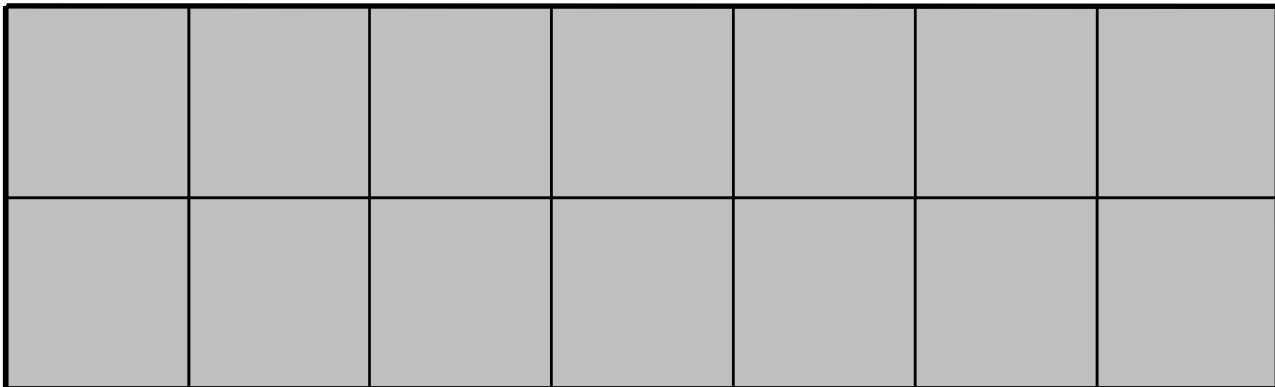
Total area: _____

2. Kyle uses square-centimeter tiles to find the side lengths of the rectangle below. Label each side length. Then count the tiles to find the total area.



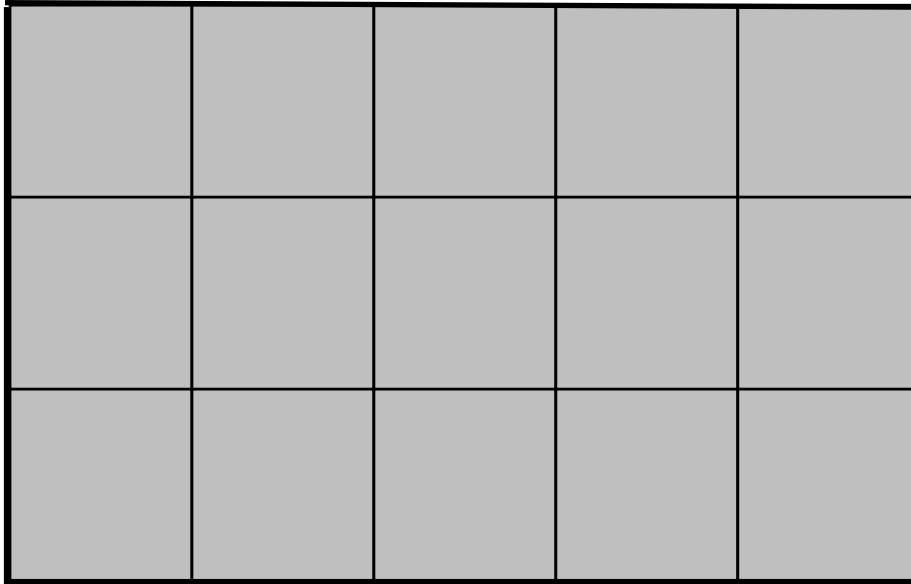
Total area: _____

3. Maura uses square-inch tiles to find the side lengths of the rectangle below. Label each side length. Then find the total area.



Total area: _____

4. Each square unit below is 1 square inch. Claire says that the side length of the rectangle below is 3 inches. Tyler says the side length is 5 inches. Who is correct? Explain how you know.



5. Label the unknown side lengths for the rectangle below, then find the area. Explain how you used the lengths provided to find the unknown lengths and area.

