

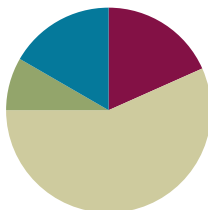
Lesson 8

Objective: Find the area of a rectangle through multiplication of the side lengths.

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Suggested Lesson Structure

■ Fluency Practice	(11 minutes)
■ Application Problem	(5 minutes)
■ Concept Development	(34 minutes)
■ Student Debrief	(10 minutes)
Total Time	(60 minutes)



Fluency Practice (11 minutes)

- Multiply by 6 **3.OA.7** (8 minutes)
- Group Counting **3.OA.1** (3 minutes)

Multiply by 6 (8 minutes)

Materials: (S) Multiply by 6 Pattern Sheet (6–10)

Note: This activity builds fluency with multiplication facts using units of 6. It works toward students knowing from memory all products of two one-digit numbers. See G3–M4–Lesson 2 for the directions for administration of a *Multiply By* pattern sheet.

T: (Write $7 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$.) Let's skip-count up by sixes. (Count with fingers to 7 as students count.)

S: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42.

T: Let's see how we can skip-count down to find the answer, too. (Show 10 fingers.) Start at 60. (Count down with your fingers as students say numbers.)

S: 60, 54, 48, 42.

Continue with the following possible sequence: 9×6 , 6×6 , and 8×6 .

T: (Distribute Multiply by 6 Pattern Sheet.) Let's practice multiplying by 6. Be sure to work left to right across the page.

Group Counting (3 minutes)

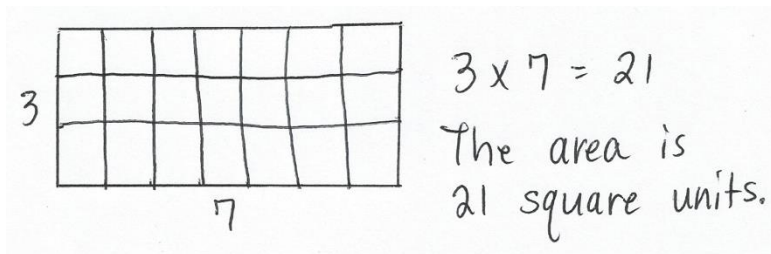
Note: Group counting reviews interpreting multiplication as repeated addition.

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

- Fours to 40
- Sevens to 70
- Eights to 80
- Nines to 90

Application Problem (5 minutes)

Marnie and Connor both skip-count square units to find the area of the same rectangle. Marnie counts, “3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21.” Connor counts, “7, 14, 21.” Draw what the rectangle might look like, then label the side lengths and find the area.



Note: This problem reinforces G3–M4–Lesson 7 and sets the foundation for today’s Concept Development. Invite students to share their drawings and discuss how they are similar and how they are different.

Concept Development (34 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white board, inch ruler, grid template

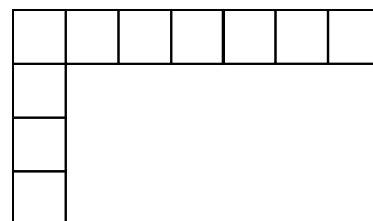
Part 1: Relate side lengths to area.

T: (Project image shown to the right.) How many rows are in the incomplete array?

S: 4 rows.

T: How many square units are there in each row?

S: 7 square units.



- T: Talk to your partner: Do we need to complete the array to find the area of the rectangle? Why or why not?
- S: Yes, then we can skip-count each row to find the total.
→ No, we already know the side lengths!
- T: How are the side lengths related to the area?
- S: If you multiply the side lengths together, the product is the same as the area.
- T: Talk to a partner: Can you multiply any two side lengths to find the area?
- MP.8** S: No, you have to multiply the side length that shows the number of rows times the side length that shows the number of squares in each row.
- T: What multiplication equation can be used to find the area of this rectangle?
- S: $4 \times 7 = 28$.
- T: In order to check our answer, use your grid template to trace and shade in an area model that is 4 units high and 7 units wide. Label each side length.
- S: (Draw and label.)
- T: Was our answer correct?
- S: Yes, I used the grid paper to count 28 squares inside. → I skip-counted 4 sevens to make 28.



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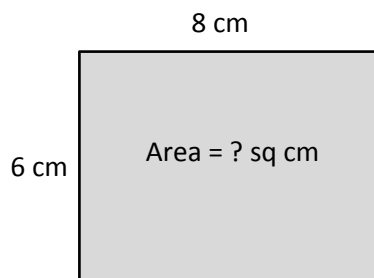
You may want to help English language learners relate the number of square units in each row to the word *columns*, and relate *columns* and *rows* to side lengths. To some students it may appear that these words are used interchangeably. Help clarify meaning.

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Part 2: Use side lengths to find area.

(Draw or project the rectangle shown at right.)

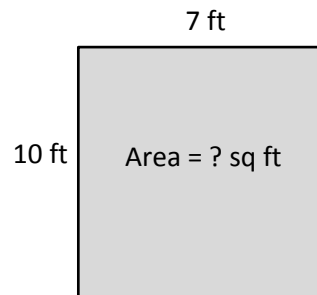
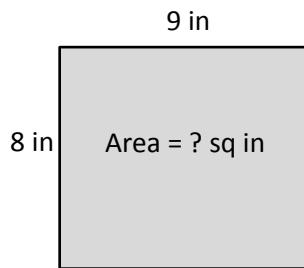
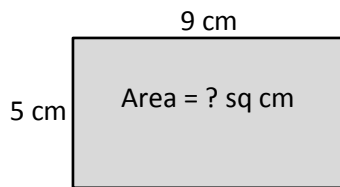
- T: What do you notice about this rectangle?
- S: We know the side lengths, but there is no grid inside.
→ It's an area model.
- T: Do we still have enough information to find the area of this rectangle, even without the grid lines inside?
- S: Yes! We know both side lengths.
- T: Write the multiplication equation to find the area of this rectangle.
- S: $6 \times 8 = 48$.



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You may choose to have students work through these examples independently or in pairs.

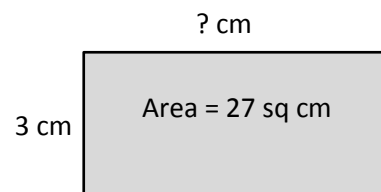
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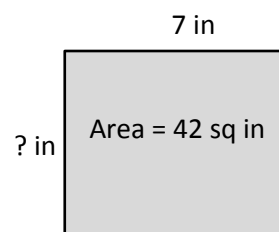
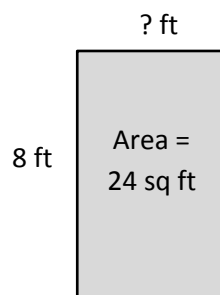
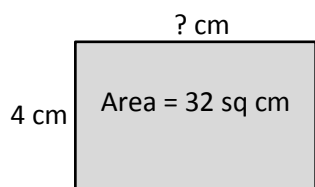
Part 3: Use area and side length to find unknown side length.

(Draw or project the rectangle shown at right.)

- T: What do you notice about this rectangle?
- S: We know the area, but not both side lengths. → One of the side lengths is unknown.
- T: Write a multiplication equation on your board to show how to find the area of this rectangle. Use a question mark for the unknown side length.
- S: (Write $3 \times ? = 27$.)
- T: What is the value of the question mark?
- S: 9!
- T: How do you know?
- S: I know that 3 times 9 equals 27!
- T: So what is the unknown side length?
- S: 9 centimeters!
- T: Write the related division equation on your board.
- S: (Write $27 \div 3 = 9$.)



Continue with the following suggested examples:



- T: When you know the area and one side length of a rectangle, how can you find the other side length?
- S: I can think of it as a multiplication equation with a missing factor. → Or, I can divide the area by the known side length.

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: Find the area of a rectangle through multiplication of the side lengths.

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.

- In what way is the area of Problem 1(b) related to the area of Problem 1(a)? (It is double.) How could you use the side lengths to help you figure out that 8×7 is double 4×7 ?
- Explain how you can tell a shape is a square just by looking at the side lengths (Problem 1(c)).
- How are the rectangles in Problem 1(a) and 2(c) similar? How are they different?
- Address the following possible misconception in Problem 4. Even though Eliza's bedroom has 1 side length (6 feet) that is 1 more than her brother's bedroom (5 feet), and 1 side length (7 feet) that is 1 less than her brother's bedroom (8 feet), the floor areas are not equal.
- Why is there a connection between a rectangle's side lengths and its area?

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1. Write a multiplication sentence to find the area of each rectangle.

a. b. c.

2. Write a multiplication sentence and a division sentence to find the unknown side length for each rectangle.

a. b. c.

3. On the grid below draw a rectangle that has an area of 42 square inches. Label the side lengths.

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4. Urta draws a rectangle that has side lengths of 9 centimeters and 6 centimeters. What is the area of the rectangle? Explain how you found your answer.

$9 \times 6 = 54 \text{ sq. cm}$
The area of the rectangle is 54 sq. cm.
I found the area by multiplying the side lengths.

5. Eliza's bedroom measures 6 feet by 7 feet. Her brother's bedroom measures 5 feet by 8 feet. Eliza says their rooms have the same exact floor area. Is she right? Why or why not?

Eliza Brother No, Eliza is not right because her bedroom is 42 sq. ft. and her brother's is only 40 sq. ft.

6. Cliff draws a rectangle with a side length of 6 inches and an area of 24 square inches. What is the other side length? How do you know?

$6 \times ? = 24$
 $6 \times 4 = 24$
 $24 \div 6 = 4$
The other side length is 4 inches because 24 divided by 6 equals 4.

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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 students.

Multiply.

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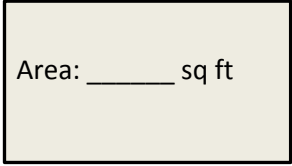
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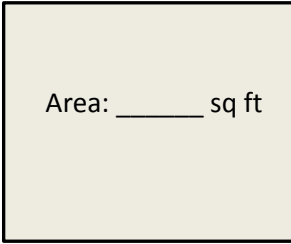
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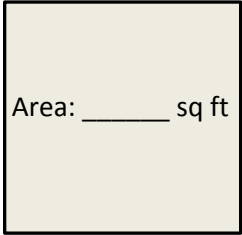
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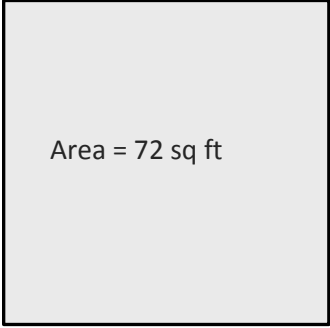
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2. Write a multiplication sentence and a division sentence to find the unknown side length for each rectangle.

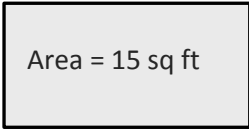
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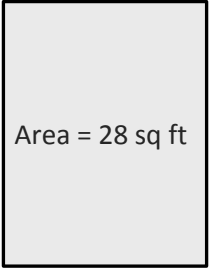
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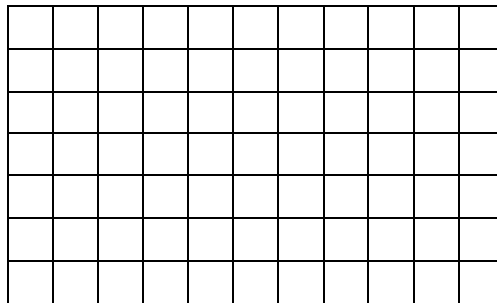
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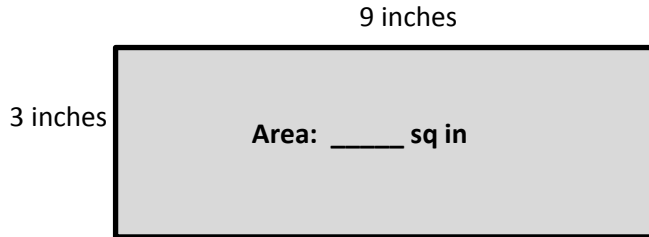


4. Ursa draws a rectangle that has side lengths of 9 centimeters and 6 centimeters. What is the area of the rectangle? Explain how you found your answer.
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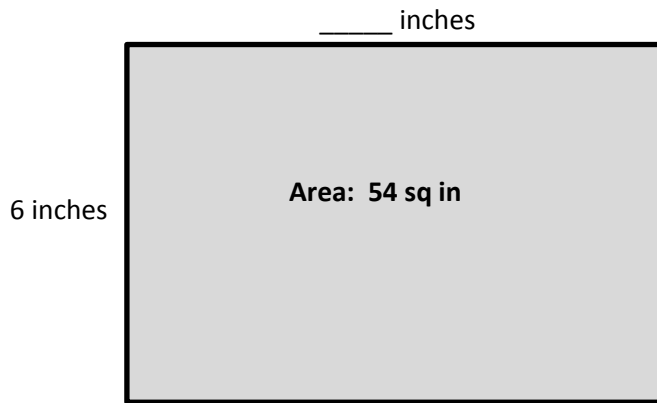
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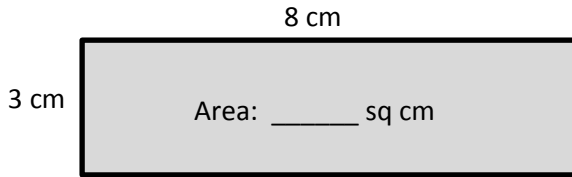
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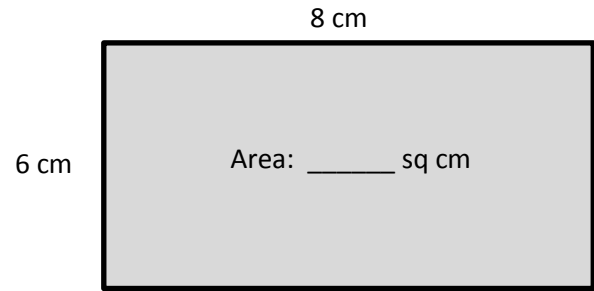
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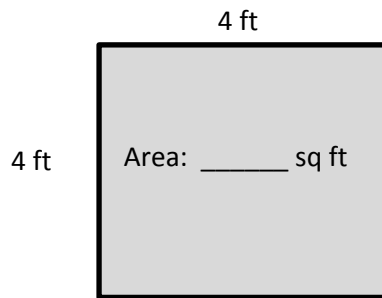
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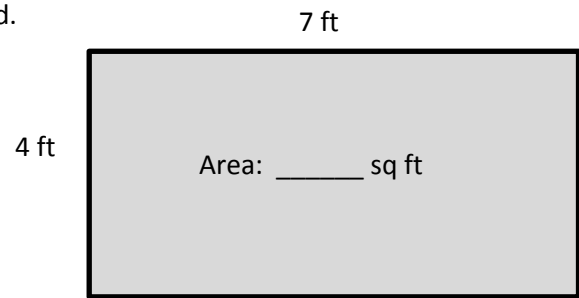
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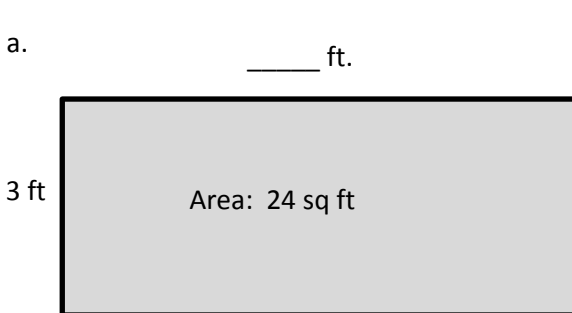
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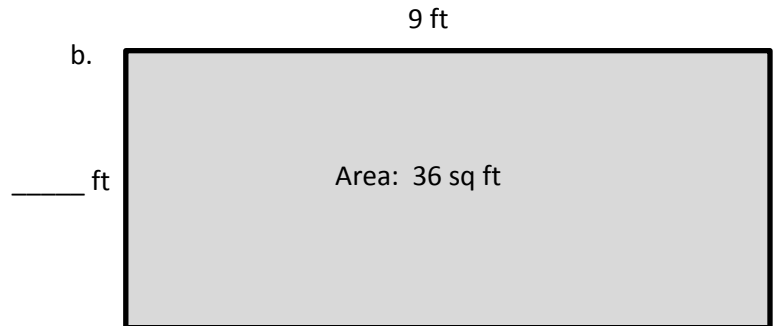
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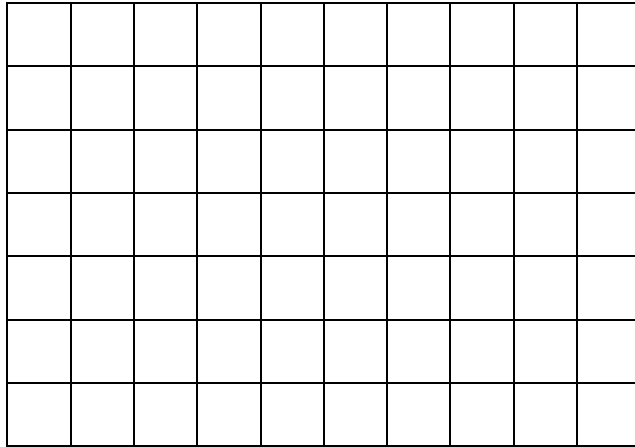
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2. On the grid below draw a rectangle that has an area of 32 square centimeters. Label the side lengths.



3. Patricia draws a rectangle that has side lengths of 4 centimeters and 9 centimeters. What is the area of the rectangle? Explain how you found your answer.

4. Charles draws a rectangle with a side length of 9 inches and an area of 27 square inches. What is the other side length? How do you know?

