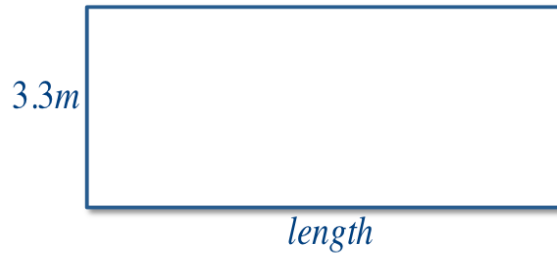


Perimeter - Unknown Dimension



The perimeter of the rectangle is 21 metres. Determine the length of the rectangle.

- Recalling my knowledge of rectangles and perimeter, how would I use the diagram to illustrate the problem?



A classmate began solving the problem by performing the following calculation.

- How might I explain their thinking in performing this calculation?

$21m = \text{Perimeter}$
 $21m = w + w + l + l$
 $21m = 3.3 + 3.3 + ? + ?$

$21m - 3.3m - 3.3m$
 $= 14.4m$

Next, the student performs the following division step as part of their solution path.


- How would I explain their thinking in performing this calculation? What does the quotient represent?

$21m = \text{Perimeter}$
 $21m = w + w + l + l$
 $21m = 3.3 + 3.3 + ? + ?$

$14.4m \div 2 = 7.2m$




- How could I verify the student has calculated the correct *length* measure?


$$\begin{aligned} 21m &= \text{Perimeter} \\ 21m &= w + w + l + l \\ 21m &= 3.3 + 3.3 + 7.2 + 7.2 \end{aligned}$$


Another classmate solved the same problem using a different approach.

- How would I describe their approach and explain this initial step in their solution path?


$$\begin{aligned} 21m &= \text{Perimeter} \\ 21m &= w + w + l + l \\ 21m &= 3.3 + 3.3 + 7.2 + 7.2 \\ 21m &= 21m \\ P &= 2(l) + 2(w) \\ 21 &= 2(l) + 2(3.3) \\ 21 &= 2l + 6.6 \\ 21 &= 2l - 6.6 \\ \frac{21}{2} &= \frac{14.4}{2} \\ 21 &= 14.4 \\ 2 &= 2 \\ l &= 7.2m \end{aligned}$$

The equation approach involves performing a multiplication step as part of the solution path.

- How would I explain the reason for multiplying?
- How did I avoid multiplying in the previous solution?


$$\begin{aligned} 21m &= \text{Perimeter} \\ 21m &= w + w + l + l \\ 21m &= 3.3 + 3.3 + 7.2 + 7.2 \\ 21m &= 21m \\ P &= 2(l) + 2(w) \\ 21 &= 2(l) + 2(3.3) \\ 21 &= 2l + 6.6 \\ 21 &= 2l - 6.6 \\ \frac{21}{2} &= \frac{14.4}{2} \\ 21 &= 14.4 \\ 2 &= 2 \\ l &= 7.2m \end{aligned}$$



In this part of their solution, the student rewrites the equation and performs a subtraction step.

- How would I explain and demonstrate this step in their solution path?

$$\begin{aligned} 2lm &= \text{Perimeter} \\ 2lm &= w + w + l + l \\ 2lm &= 3.3 + 3.3 + 7.2 + 7.2 \\ 2lm &= 2lm \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} P &= 2(l) + 2(w) \\ 21 &= 2(l) + 2(3.3) \\ 21 &= 2l + 6.6 \\ 2l &= 21 - 6.6 \\ \frac{2l}{2} &= \frac{14.4}{2} \\ l &= 7.2m \end{aligned}$$

The student completes their solution by performing a division step.

- Why does the student need to perform this division step to complete their solution path?

$$\begin{aligned} 2lm &= \text{Perimeter} \\ 2lm &= w + w + l + l \\ 2lm &= 3.3 + 3.3 + 7.2 + 7.2 \\ 2lm &= 2lm \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} P &= 2(l) + 2(w) \\ 21 &= 2(l) + 2(3.3) \\ 21 &= 2l + 6.6 \\ 2l &= 21 - 6.6 \\ \frac{2l}{2} &= \frac{14.4}{2} \\ l &= 7.2m \end{aligned}$$

Perimeter - Unknown Dimension - Skills Checklist



- ☒ I can describe or illustrate the perimeter of a shape such as a rectangle
- ☒ I can explain and demonstrate how the perimeter distance of a rectangle can be used to determine any missing dimensions
- ☒ I can explain and demonstrate how I use the equation $P=2l+2w$ to determine the perimeter of a rectangle
- ☒ I can explain and demonstrate how the equation $P=2l+2w$ can be used to determine missing dimensions on a rectangle

Perimeter - Unknown Dimension - Worksheet



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