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## Worksheet 1-5: Finding Missing Sides of Rectangles and Squares



Square


Steps for determining the missing side-length of a rectangle or square:

1. Read the question and examine any given figure carefully
2. Identify all information given in the question
3. Determine what unknown information is required to solve the problem
4. Based on what is given and what is required, identify the appropriate formula
5. Substitute all given information into the formula to solve for the unknown

Scenario 1: Determine Missing Side of a Rectangle Given Its Perimeter
The perimeter of the rectangle is 22 ft . Determine the length of the unknown side.


7 ft
Perimeter $=22 \mathrm{ft}$
Length $=7 \mathrm{ft}$
Width $=$ ?

Perimeter $=2 l+2 w=22$
$2(7)+2 w=22$ $14+2 w=22$
$2 w=22-14$
$2 w=8$
$\frac{2 w}{2}=\frac{8}{2}$
$w=4$
The width is 4 ft .

Scenario 2: Determine Missing Side of a Rectangle Given Its Area
The area of the rectangle is $35 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$. Determine the length of the unknown side.


Area $=35 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$
Length $=$ ?
Width $=5 \mathrm{ft}$

Area $\begin{aligned} l w & =35 \\ l(5) & =35 \\ 5 l & =35 \\ \frac{5 l}{5} & =\frac{35}{5}\end{aligned}$
$l=7$


The length is 7 ft .

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Scenario 3: Determine Missing Side of a Square Given Its Perimeter
The perimeter of the square is 32 in . What is the length of each side?


Perimeter $=32$ in Side Length $=$ ?

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\text { Perimeter } \begin{aligned}
4 s & =32 \\
\frac{4 s}{4} & =\frac{32}{4} \\
s & =8
\end{aligned}
$$

The length of each side is 8 in .

## Scenario 4: Determine Missing Side of a Square Given Its Area

The area of the square is $25 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$. What is the length of each side?


Area $=25 \mathbf{m}^{2}$
Side Length $=$ ?

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\begin{aligned}
\text { Area }=s^{2} & =25 \\
\sqrt{s^{2}} & =\sqrt{25} \\
s & =5
\end{aligned}
$$

The length of each side is $5 \mathbf{m}$.


## Challenge:

Jane has two squares of different sizes. The area of one square is $8 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$. The area of the other square is two times bigger. What is the side length of the bigger square? (Hint: Find the area of the bigger square first using the area of the smaller square.)

