

- * Altogether how many squares can be arranged on it?
 * So the area of piece A = ______ square cm
 It's silly to count them all! Just multiply!
 Piece A
 - * In the same way find the area of piece B.
 - * Who had the bigger piece? How much bigger?

Cover with Stamps

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This stamp has an area of 4 square cm. Guess how many such stamps will cover this big rectangle.

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Encourage children to first discuss different strategies for comparing the area of things by using different tokens, stamps, etc. In Class IV they have compared irregular shapes by counting squares. In the case of rectangles they can measure the sides to see how many squares of 1 cm side will fit in the whole shape.





Check your guess

- a) Measure the yellow rectangle. It is _____ cm long.
- b) How many stamps can be placed along its length?_____
- c) How wide is the rectangle? _____ cm
- d) How many stamps can be placed along its width?_____
- e) How many stamps are needed to cover the rectangle?_____
- f) How close was your earlier guess? Discuss.
- g) What is the area of the rectangle? ______ square cm
- h) What is the perimeter of the rectangle? _____ cm

Practice time

a) Arbaz plans to tile his kitchen floor with green square tiles. Each side of the tile is 10 cm. His kitchen is 220 cm in length and 180 cm wide. How many tiles will he need?



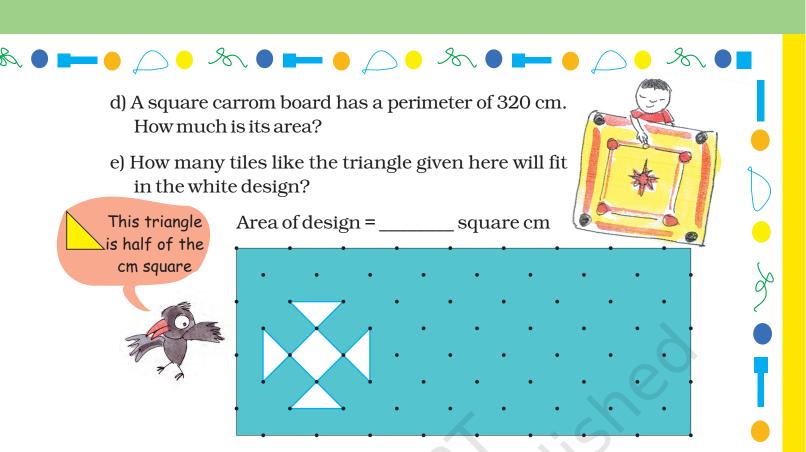
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b) The fencing of a square garden is 20 m in length. How long is one side of the garden?



c) A thin wire 20 centimetres long is formed into a rectangle. If the width of this rectangle is 4 centimetres, what is its length?

This 'Guess and check' activity can be done in the class by making use of other things present. For example: how many postcards can be placed on the top of the mathematics book, how many charts will cover the classroom walls, etc? Children can be asked to check their guesses by tiling things wherever possible. Once they are able to make close guesses, this work can be further extended by asking them to guess the area in terms of square cm.



- * Make your own designs of area 4 and 6 square cm.
- f) Sanya, Aarushi, Manav and Kabir made greeting cards. Complete the table for their cards:

Whose card	Length	Width	Perimeter	Area
Sanya	10 cm	8 cm	0,	
Manav	11 cm		44 cm	
Aarushi		8cm		80 square cm
Kabir			40 cm	100 square cm

My Belt is Longest!

Take a thick paper sheet of length 14 cm and width 9 cm. You can also use an old postcard.

- * What is its area? What is its perimeter?
- * Now cut strips of equal sizes out of it.

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Using tape join the strips, end to end, to make a belt.

- ✤ How long is your belt?____
- * What is its perimeter _____
- * Whose belt is the longest in the class?

Discuss

- * Why did some of your friends get longer belts than others?
- Is the area of your belt the same as the area of the postcard? Why or why not?
- * What will you do to get a longer belt next time?

This belt is for the elephant.

Look! I can pass through a postcard. I made a loop without cutting the strips.

Puzzle: Pass through a Postcard

Can you think of how to cut a postcard so that you can pass through it? (See photo.) If you have tried hard enough and still not got it... look for the answer somewhere ahead.



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The aim of the belt activity is to understand that things with the same area can take different forms and also have very different perimeters. While measuring sides, lengths in mm can be rounded off for this activity.

People People Everywhere

- A) You can play this game in a ground.
 - Make two squares of one square metre each.
 - Divide your class in two teams. Ready to play!

With four Math-Magic books in a line you can get the length of around one metre 9 cm.



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Try these in your teams —

- How many of you can sit in one square metre?
- How many of you can stand in it?
- * Which team could make more children stand in their square? How many? _____
- * Which team could make more children sit in their square? How many?
- B) Measure the length of the floor of your classroom in metres. Also measure the width.
 - What is the area of the floor of your classroom in square metres?
 - ✤ How many children are there in your class?

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- * So how many children can sit in one square metre?
- If you want to move around easily then how many children do you think should be there in one square metre?

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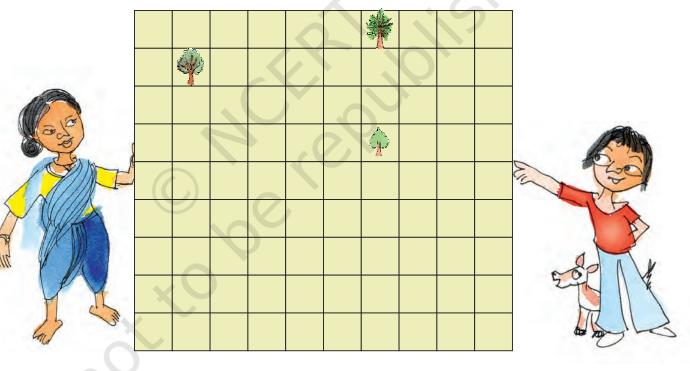
Can you imagine how big a square of side 1 km is! It has an area of _____ square km. Guess how many people can live on that.

In West Bengal there are about 900 people living in a square km.

But in Arunachal Pradesh it feels very lonely! There are less than 15 people living in a square km!

Share the Land

Nasreena is a farmer who wants to divide her land equally among her three children — Chumki, Jhumri and Imran. She wants to divide the land so that each piece of land has one tree. Her land looks like this.



* Can you divide the land equally? Show how you will divide it. Remember each person has to get a tree. Colour each person's piece of land differently.

Children are not expected to do conversion of sq m into sq km or vice-versa. The aim of exercise B is to develop a sense of how big or small the units of sg m and sg km are.

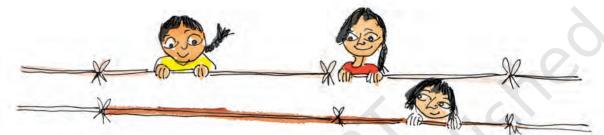
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* If each square on this page is equal to 1 square metre of land, how much land will each of her children get? _____ square m

Chumki, Jhumri and Imran need wire to make a fence.

- * Who will need the longest wire for fencing?_____
- ✤ How much wire in all will the three need?

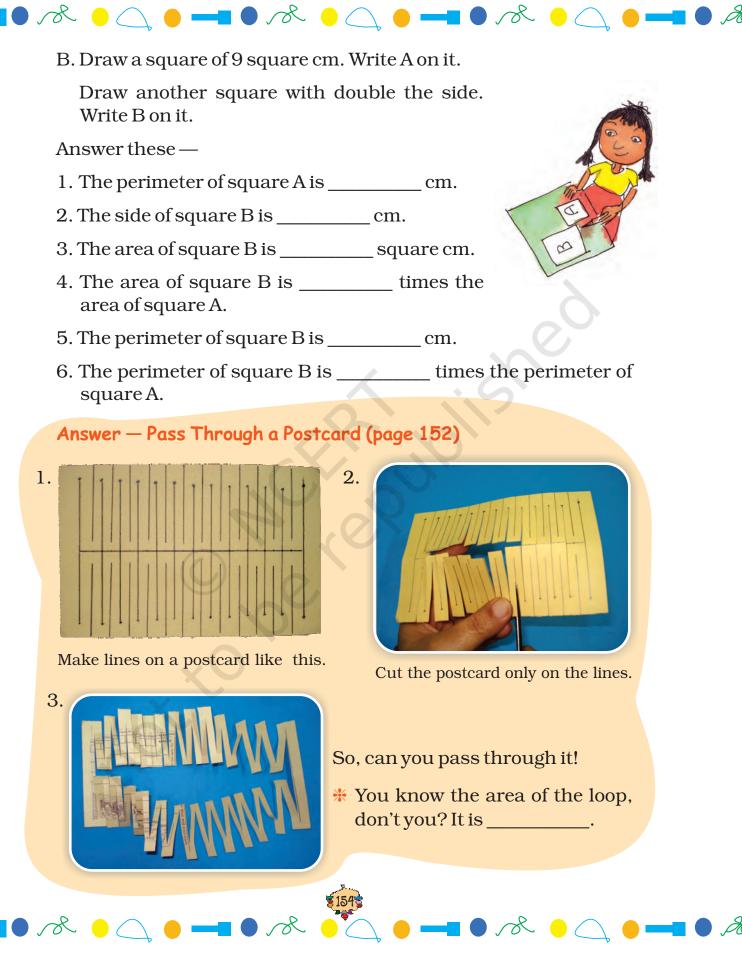


Practice time

A. Look at the table. If you were to write the area of each of these which column would you choose? Make a (✔).

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	Door of your classroom				
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	Blackboard				
-	Indian flag				
-	Land over which a river flows				
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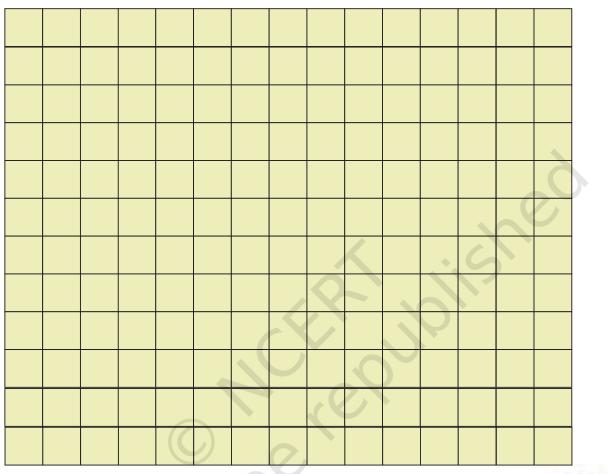




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Take a 15 cm long thread. Make different shapes by joining its ends on this sheet.

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A) Which shape has the biggest area? How much?_____

What is the perimeter of this shape?_____

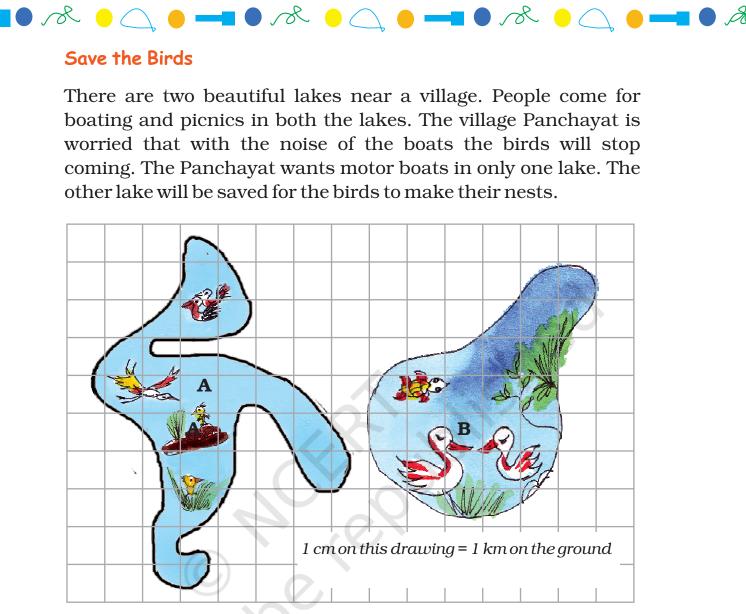
B) Which shape has the smallest area? How much? _

What is the perimeter of this shape?_____

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Also make a triangle, a square, a rectangle and a circle. Find which shape has biggest area and which has the smallest.

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- a) How many cm is the length of the boundary of lake A in the drawing? _____ (use thread to find out)
- b) What is the length of the boundary of lake B in the drawing?
- c) How many kilometres long is the actual boundary of lake A?
- d) How many kilometres long is the actual boundary of lake B?
- e) A longer boundary around the lake will help more birds to lay their eggs. So which lake should be kept for birds? Which lake should be used for boats?

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f) Find the area of lake B on the drawing in square cm. What is its actual area in square km?

King's Story

The King was very happy with carpenters Cheggu and Anar. They had made a very big and beautiful bed for him. So as gifts the king wanted to give some land to Cheggu, and some gold to Anar.

Cheggu, take as much land as what comes within 100 meters of wire.

Cheggu was happy. He took 100 metres of wire and tried to make different rectangles.

He made a $10 \text{ m} \times 40 \text{ m}$ rectangle. Its area was 400 square metres.

So he next made a 30 m \times 20 m rectangle.

* What is its area? Is it more than the first rectangle?

* What other rectangles can he make with 100 metres of wire? Discuss which of these rectangles will have the biggest area.

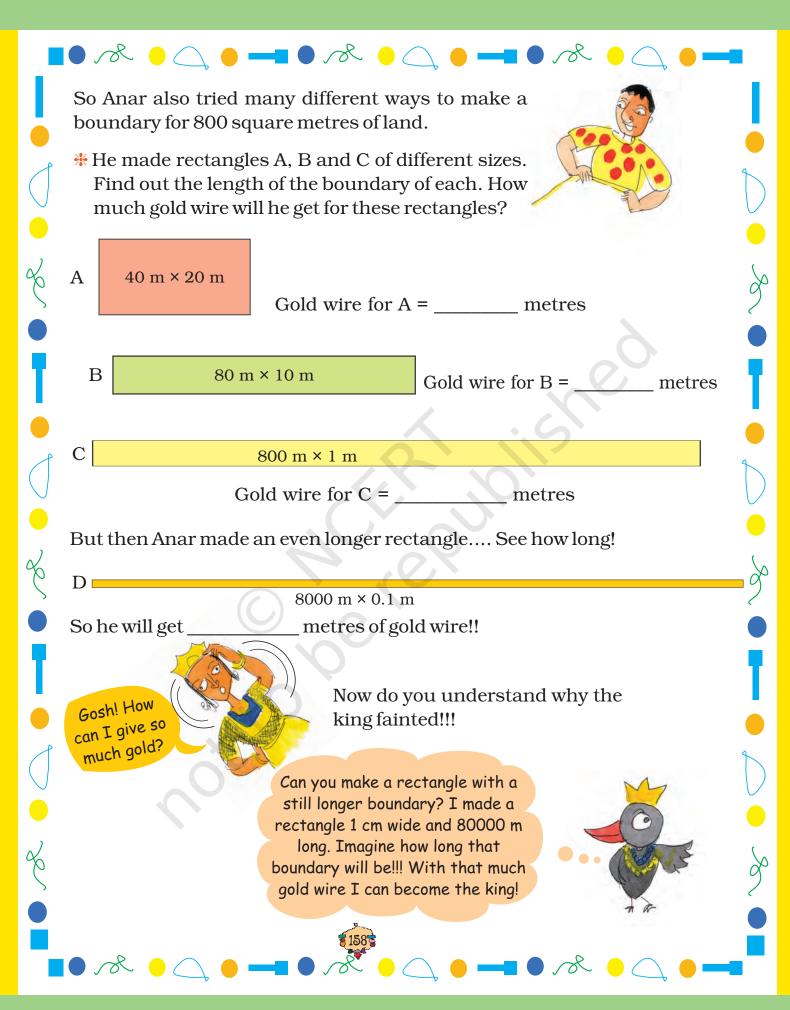
Cheggu's wife asked him to make a circle with the wire. She knew it had an area of 800 square metres. Ah! I want this piece of land. It covers an area of 800 square metres. 30

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Why did Cheggu not choose a rectangle? Explain.

Ok. Cheggu has taken 800 square metres of land. Anar! Now I will give you as much gold wire which can make a boundary for land with area 800 square metres.

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