

Lesson 10: Problem Solving With Perimeter and Area

Standards Alignments

Addressing 3.MD.D.8, 3.OA.C.7, 3.OA.D.8

Teacher-facing Learning Goals

 Solve problems that involve perimeter and area of rectangles.

Student-facing Learning Goals

 Let's solve problems involving perimeter and area.

Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is for students to solve problems that involve both perimeter and area of rectangles in order to reinforce the difference between perimeter and area.

In previous lessons, students learned what area is and how to find the area of rectangles and figures made up of rectangles. They also learned how to measure the perimeter of other shapes, solve problems that involved perimeter, and recognize situations in which perimeter is and is not relevant. By the end of this lesson, students confirm that while perimeter and area are both measurements that can appear together in problems, perimeter is a linear measurement while area is two-dimensional.

Access for:

Students with Disabilities

• Representation (Activity 2)

3 English Learners

MLR1 (Activity 1)

Instructional Routines

MLR4 Information Gap (Activity 2), True or False (Warm-up)

Materials to Copy

 Info Gap: A Garden and a Playground (groups of 2): Activity 2

Lesson Timeline

Warm-up	10 min
Activity 1	15 min

Teacher Reflection Question

What was the best question you asked students today? Why would you consider it the best one based on what students said or did?



Activity 2	20 min
Lesson Synthesis	10 min
Cool-down	5 min

Cool-down (to be completed at the end of the lesson)

© 5 min

Lin's Garden Fence

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Student-facing Task Statement

Lin is building a fence around her rectangular garden. A diagram is shown. The area of the garden is 36 square feet. How many feet of fencing material will she need to enclose the whole garden?

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	3 feet

Student Responses

30 feet. Sample response: If the area is 36 square feet and one side is 3, I can divide 36 by 3 to find the missing side. Since $3 \times 12 = 36$, the missing side is 12 feet long. The perimeter can be found by adding 2×12 and 2×3 , which is 24 and 6. 24 + 6 = 30.