



Math Virtual Learning

# 6th Grade Math

Area of Composite Shapes

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**Objective/Learning Target:**

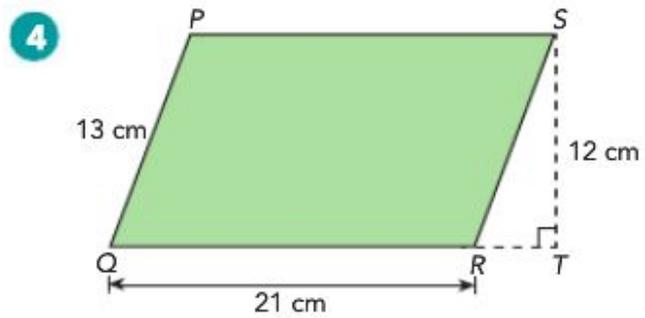
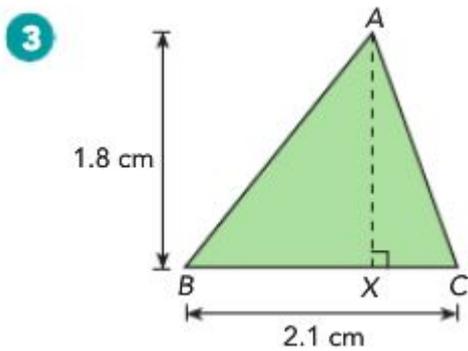
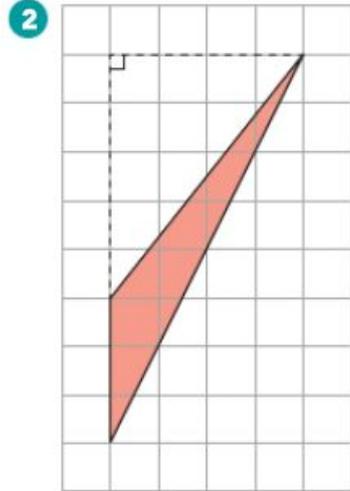
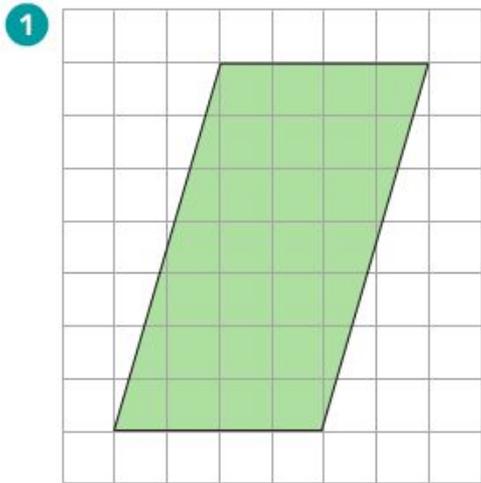
Students will find the area of composite shapes/polygons by composing or decomposing the shapes into rectangles and triangles.

Let's Get Started!

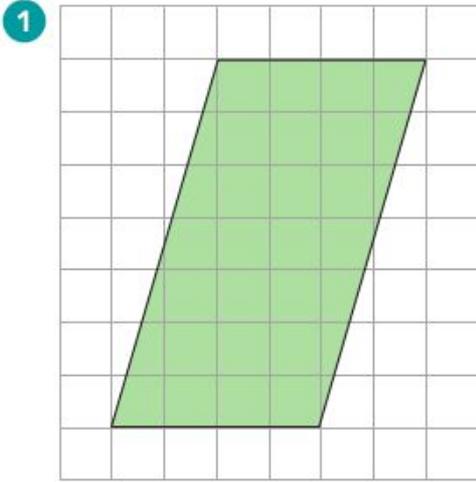
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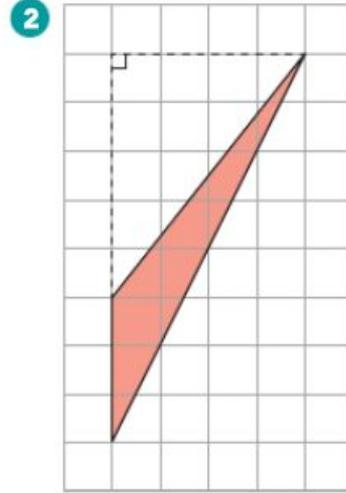
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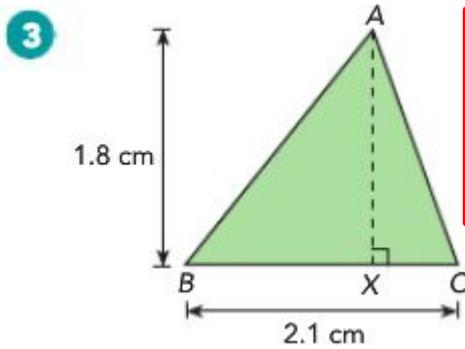
# Bell Ringer: (answers)



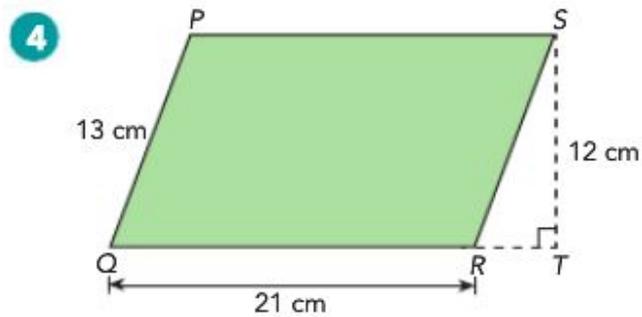
$$\begin{aligned} b &= 4 \\ h &= 7 \\ A &= 4 \times 7 \\ &= 28 \text{ sq. un.} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} b &= 2 \\ h &= 4 \\ A &= (2 \times 4) / 2 \\ &= 4 \text{ sq. un.} \end{aligned}$$



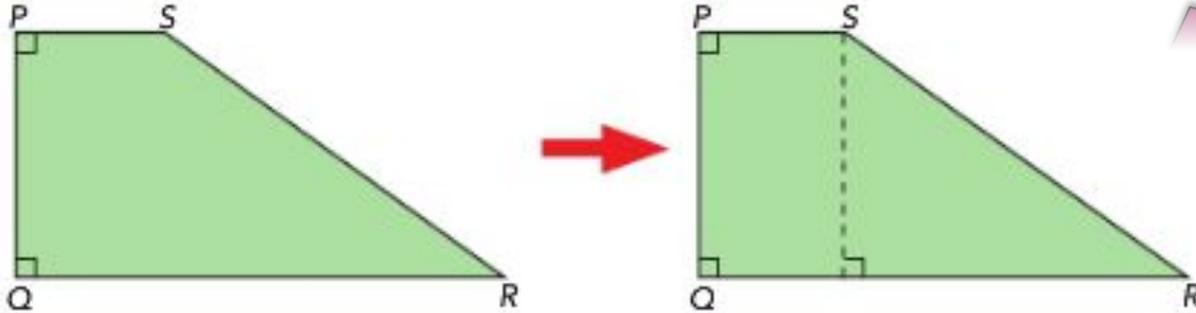
$$\begin{aligned} b &= 2.1 \\ h &= 1.8 \\ A &= (2.1 \times 1.8) / 2 \\ &= 1.89 \text{ sq. un.} \end{aligned}$$



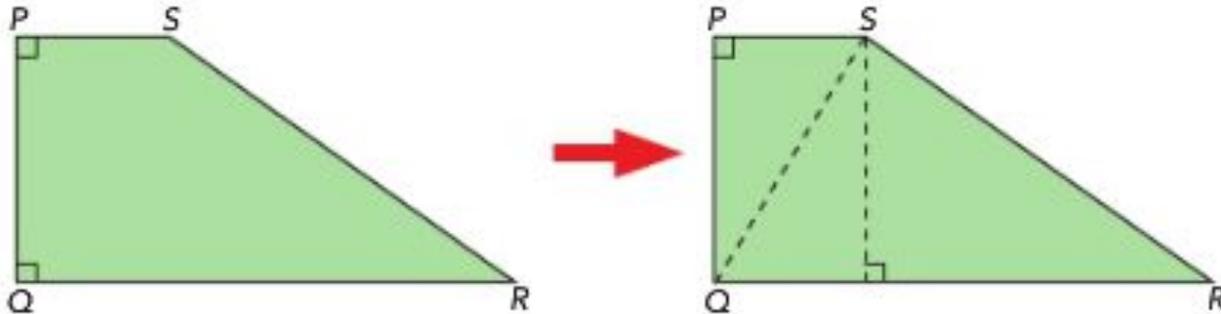
$$\begin{aligned} b &= 21 \\ h &= 12 \\ A &= 21 \times 12 \\ &= 252 \text{ sq. un.} \end{aligned}$$

# Learn:

Trapezoid  $PQRS$  can be divided into many polygons.  
It can be divided into a rectangle and a triangle.



It can also be divided into three triangles.



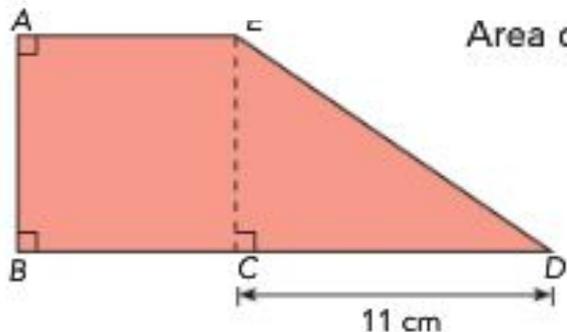
There are many other ways to divide trapezoids  $PQRS$ .

Dividing the trapezoid into rectangles and triangles is called **decomposing**.

After decomposing the trapezoid  $PQRS$  into triangles and rectangles, you can find the area of the smaller pieces using the formulas you already know. Finally, add the smaller areas to find the total area of the trapezoid  $PQRS$ .

# Learn:

Trapezoid  $ABDE$  is made up of square  $ABCE$  and triangle  $ECD$ . The area of square  $ABCE$  is 64 square centimeters. The length of  $\overline{CD}$  is 11 centimeters. Find the area of triangle  $ECD$ , and trapezoid  $ABDE$ .



$$\text{Area of square } ABCE = 64 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\ell^2 = 64, \text{ so}$$

$$\ell = \sqrt{64}$$

$$\ell = 8$$

To find the side length of a square, find the square root of the area.

Putting it all together....

Use the fact that  $EC = 8$  and is also the height of triangle  $ECD$ .

$$\text{Area of triangle } ECD = \frac{1}{2}bh \quad \text{Write formula.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot CD \cdot EC \quad \text{Substitute.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 11 \cdot 8 \quad \text{Multiply.}$$

$$= 44 \text{ cm}^2$$

The area of triangle  $ECD$  is 44 square centimeters.

Area of trapezoid  $ABDE$

= area of square  $ABCE$  + area of triangle  $ECD$

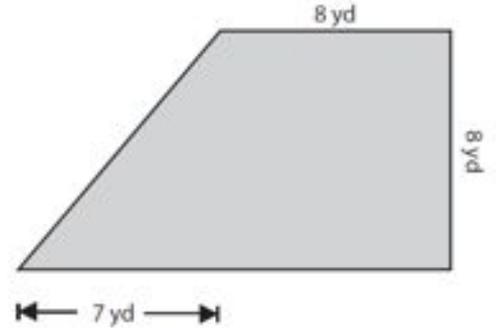
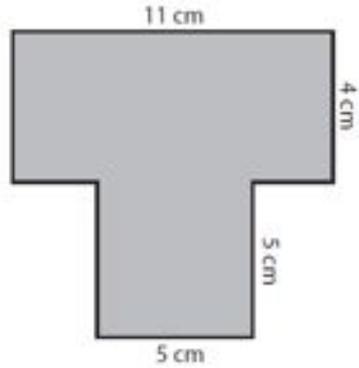
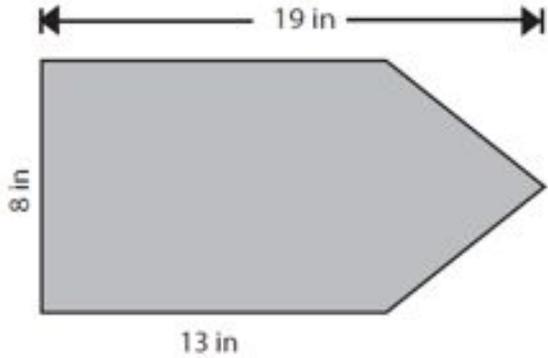
$$= 64 + 44$$

$$= 108 \text{ cm}^2$$

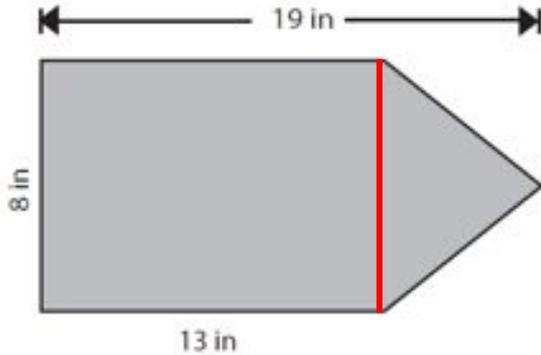
The area of trapezoid  $ABDE$  is 108 square centimeters.

# Practice:

Find the area of each composite figure below.



# Practice: *(Answer Key)*



## Triangle:

$$b = 8, h = 19 - 13 = 6$$

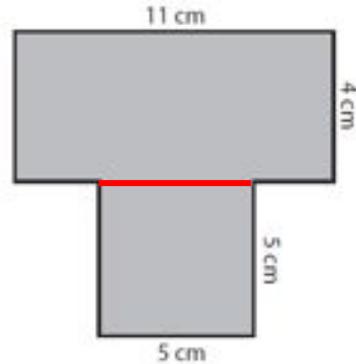
$$A = (8 \times 6) / 2 = 48 / 2 = 24 \text{ sq. in}$$

## Rectangle:

$$A = l \times w = 13 \times 8 = 104 \text{ sq. in}$$

## Combined Area:

$$A = 24 + 104 = 128 \text{ sq. in}$$



## Rectangle:

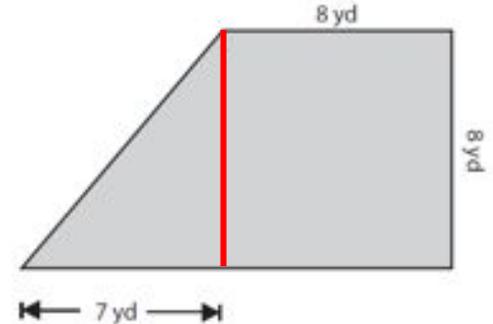
$$A = l \times w = 11 \times 4 = 44 \text{ sq. cm}$$

## Square:

$$A = l \times w = 5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ sq. cm}$$

## Combined Area:

$$A = 44 + 25 = 69 \text{ sq. cm}$$



## Triangle:

$$b = 7, h = 8$$

$$A = (b \times h) / 2 = (7 \times 8) / 2 \\ = 56 / 2 = 28 \text{ sq. yd.}$$

## Square:

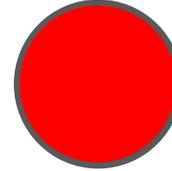
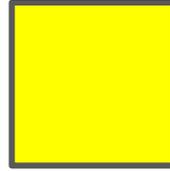
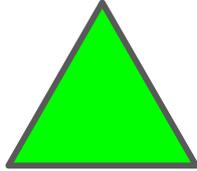
$$A = l \times w = 8 \times 8 = 64 \text{ sq. yd.}$$

## Combined Area:

$$A = 28 + 64 = 92 \text{ sq. yd.}$$

# Reflection:

Complete the triangle-square-circle reflection for today's lesson.



**What were the  
three main  
points of today's  
lesson?**

**What squared  
(made sense)  
with you from  
today's lesson?**

**What questions  
do you still have  
circling around  
in your head?**

## Additional Resources:

Click on the links below to get additional practice and to check your understanding!

[Area of L composite shape](#)

[Khan Academy: Area of Composite Shapes](#)

[IXL: Area of Composite Shapes](#)