6. Perimeter and Area of Squares and Rectangles

Perimeter is the distance around a geometric figure. Perimeter is measured in linear units.

- To find the perimeter of a rectangle, multiply two times the sum of the length and width, or $2(\ell+w)$.
- To find the perimeter of a square, multiply four times the length of a side, or 4 s .


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P=2(\ell+w) \text { or } 2 \ell+2 w
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$P=4 s$

Area is the number of square units needed to cover a surface. Area is measured in square units.

- To find the area of a rectangle, multiply the length times the width, or $\ell \cdot w$.
- To find the area of a square, find the square of the length of a side, or $s^{2}$.

$A=\ell w$

$A=s^{2}$

Exercises Find the perimeter and area of each figure.

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5. a rectangle with length 6 feet and width 4 feet

perimeter $=2 l+2 w \quad$ Area $=l \cdot w$

6. a rectangle with length 12 centimeters and width 9 centimeters


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\text { perimeter }=4 \mathrm{~S} \quad \text { Area }=52
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8. a square with length 15 inches

