

$$h = \frac{2\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2}$$

Height of a trapezoid

$$h = \frac{2(108)}{12 + 15}$$

Replace A with 108, b_1 with 12, and b_2 with 15.

$$h = \frac{216}{27}$$

Multiply 2 and 108. Add 12 and 15.

$$h = 8$$

Divide.

So, the height of the trapezoid is 8 feet.

Got It? Do these problems to find out.

d.
$$A = 24 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$b_1 = 4 \, \text{cm}$$

$$b_2 = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$h = ?$$

e.
$$A = 21 \text{ yd}^2$$

h

$$b_1 = 2 \text{ yd}$$

$$b_2 = 5 \text{ yd}$$

$$h =$$

12 ft Be Precise

Answers: On Off

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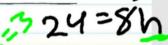
15 ft

Check your answer by using the formula for the area of a trapezoid.

3 cm

- 100% + Q = F

e 6 yd



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18 ft 18 ft 11 ft 28 ft 28 ft

area of the trapezoid. (Example 4) 253 ft²

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 $= \frac{(3+28)}{2}$ $= \frac{(46)}{2}$ $= \frac{(46)}{2}$ = (23)(11) = 253

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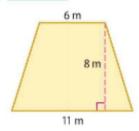


Guided Practice

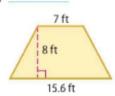


Find the area of each trapezoid. Round to the nearest tenth if necessary. (Examples 1 and 2)

1. 68 m²



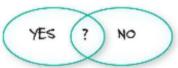
2. 90.4 ft²



- 3. A trapezoid has an area of 15 square feet. If the bases are 4 feet and 6 feet, what is the height of the trapezoid? (Example 3)
 3 feet
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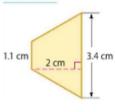
Independent Practice

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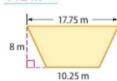
168 yd²



2. 4.5 cm²



3. 112 m²



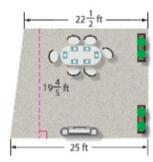
4. A trapezoid has an area of 150 square meters. If the bases are 14 meters and 16 meters, what is the height of the trapezoid? (Example 3)

10 m

5. A trapezoid has an area of 400 square millimeters. The bases are 14 millimeters and 36 millimeters. What is the height of the trapezoid? (Example 3)

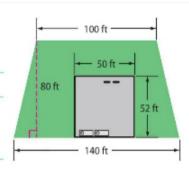
16 mm

6. Find the area of the patio shown. (Example 4) $470\frac{1}{4}$ ft²





- a. What is the area of the lawn? 7,000 ft²
- b. If one bag of grass seed covers 2,000 square feet, how many bags are needed to seed the lawn?
 - 4 bags



8. Reason Abstractly Tiles are being placed in front of a fireplace to create a trapezoidal hearth. The hearth will have a height of 24 inches and bases that are 48 inches and 60 inches. If the tiles cover 16 square inches, how many tiles will be needed?

81 tiles

Draw and label each figure. Then find the area. Sample answers: 9-13

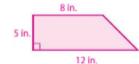
9. a trapezoid with no right angles and an area less than 12 square centimeters

$$A = 9 \, \text{cm}^2$$

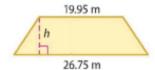


10. a trapezoid with a right angle and an area greater than 40 square inches

$$A = 50 \text{ in}^2$$



11. Persevere with Problems Apply what you know about rounding to explain how to estimate the height h of the trapezoid shown if the area is 235.5 m².



The lengths of the bases can be rounded to 20 m and 30 m, respectively. The area can be rounded to 250 m². Divide 250 by (20 + 30), or 50, and then multiply by 2. The height h is about 10 m.

- 13. Reason Abstractly How can you use the formula for area of a parallelogram to determine the area of a trapezoid if you forgot the formula for area of a trapezoid? By knowing the formula for the area of a parallelogram is A = bh, I can draw two congruent trapezoids and rotate one so they create a parallelogram. After multiplying the base and height, I can divide by 2 to find the area of the trapezoid.
- 14. Reason Inductively The area of a trapezoid is 36 square inches. The height is 4 inches and one base is twice the length of the other base. What are the lengths of the bases?
 6 in. and 12 in.