

Varied Fluency

Step 5: Using Scale Factors

National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 6: (6R3) [Solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using scale factors. Involving whole numbers only.

Expected Questions to support using scale factors. Involving whole numbers and decimals to one decimal place and some scaled factors can increase by a half.

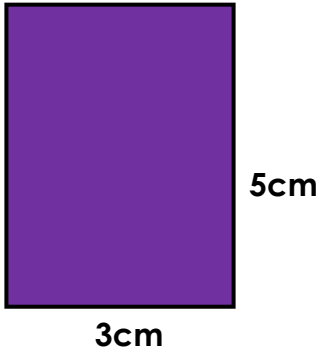
Greater Depth Questions to support using scale factors. Involving whole numbers and decimals to two decimal places in measurements and some scaled factors can increase by a half.

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Using Scale Factors

1a. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 3.

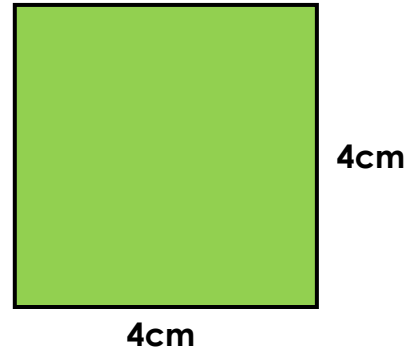


Not to scale

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Using Scale Factors

1b. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 4.



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2a. Rebecca says,



A scale factor of two means you multiply each side of the original shape by two.

Is she correct?



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2b. Nasir says,



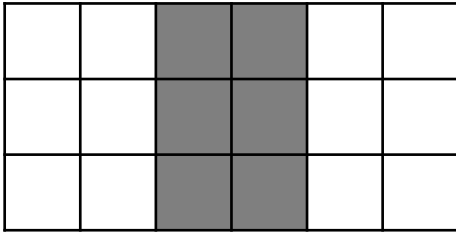
A scale factor of three means the new shape is twice as big as the original shape.

Is he correct?



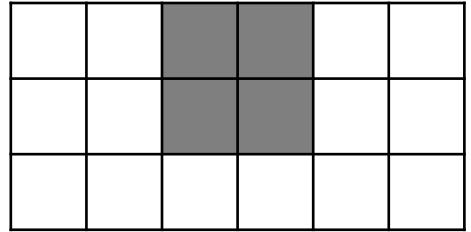
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3a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.



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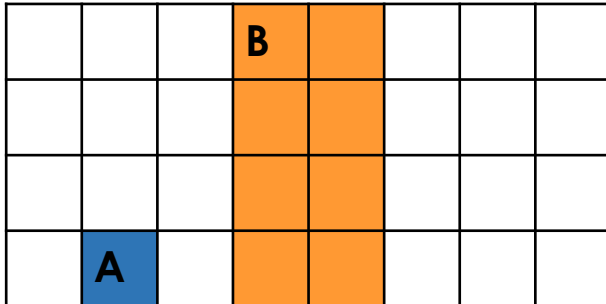
3b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 3.



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4a. True or false?

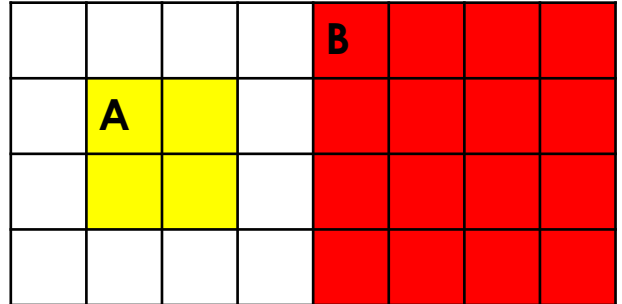
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 3 to create shape B.



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4b. True or false?

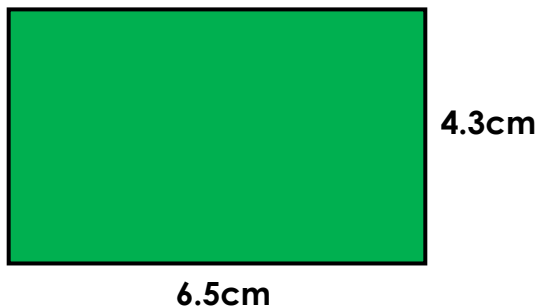
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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5a. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 2.



Not to scale

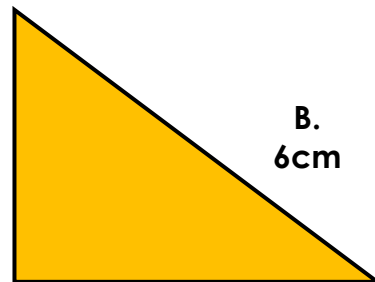
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Using Scale Factors

5b. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 3.

A. 3.6cm

B. 6cm



C. 4.8cm



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6a. Jake says,



A scale factor of 3.5 means you multiply each side of the original shape by 3.5.

Is he correct?



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6b. Hannah says,



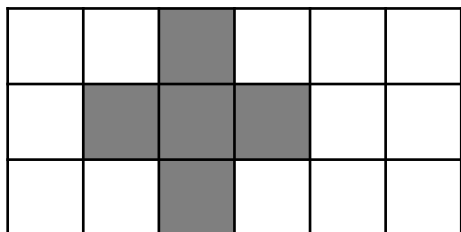
Only one side of a shape is enlarged when using a scale factor.

Is she correct?



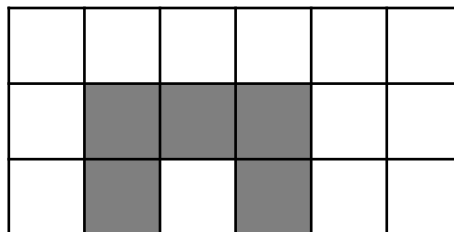
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7a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 3.



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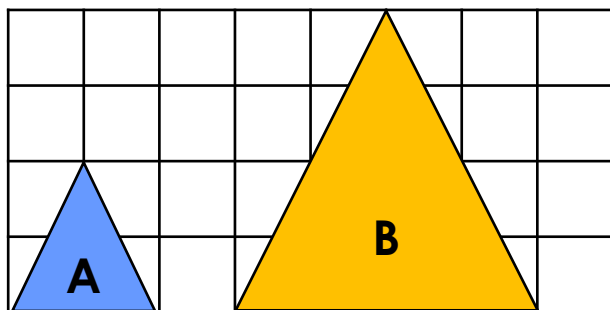
7b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.



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8a. True or false?

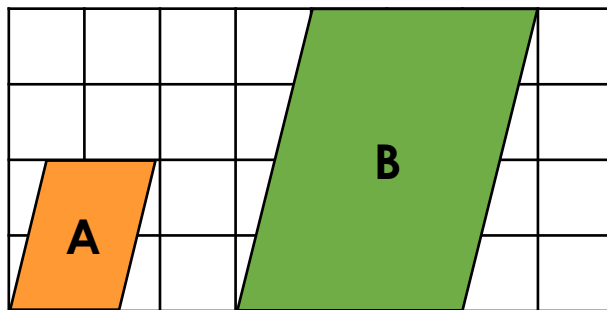
Shape A has increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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8b. True or false?

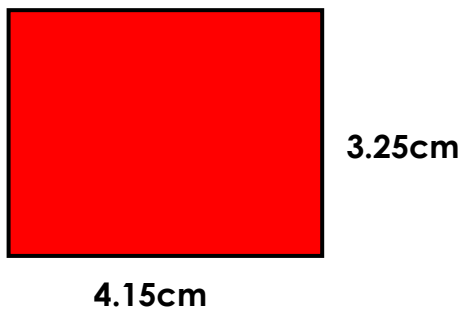
Shape A has increased by a scale factor of 2.5 to create shape B.



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9a. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 3.

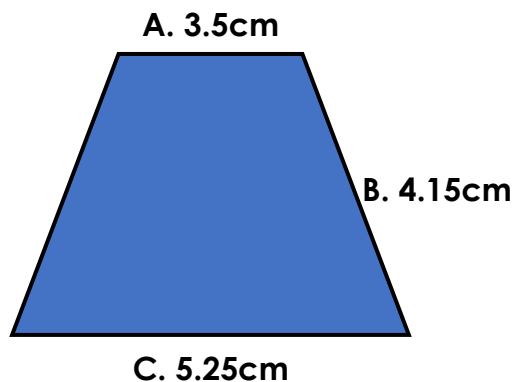


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Using Scale Factors

9b. Enlarge this shape by a scale factor of 2.



Not to scale

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10a. Keeley says,



A scale of factor of 1.5 means you multiply each side of the original shape by 2.

Is she correct?



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10b. Khushal says,



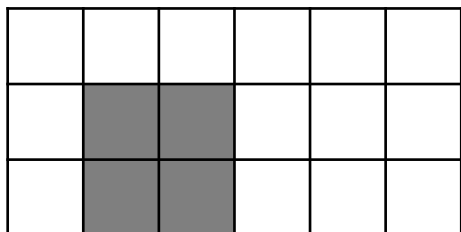
A scale factor of a half means each side of the original shape is halved.

Is he correct?



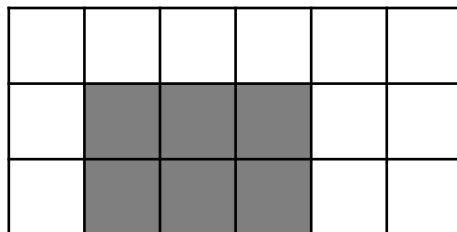
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11a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of a half.



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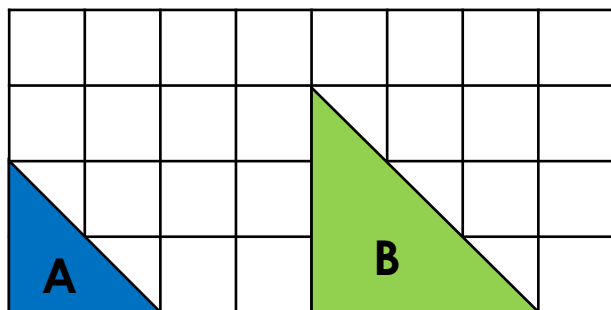
11b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.5.



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12a. True or false?

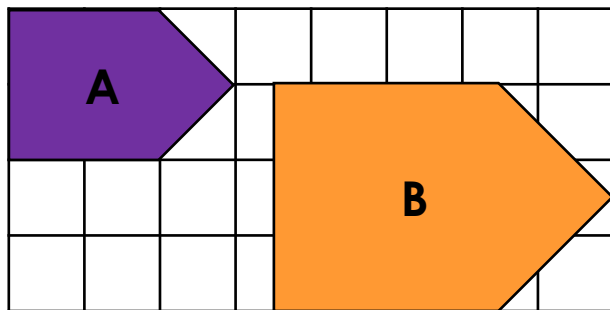
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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12b. True or false?

Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 1.5 to create shape B.



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Developing

- 1a. A rectangle; width 9cm; height 15cm
- 2a. Yes
- 3a. A rectangle; height 6 squares; width 4 squares (24 squares in total)
- 4a. False. It has not been enlarged by a scale factor as the width has been doubled, but the height quadrupled.

Expected

- 5a. A rectangle; height 8.6cm; width 13cm
- 6a. Yes
- 7a. The shape should be reproduced using a scale factor of 3. (45 squares in total)
- 8a. True

Greater Depth

- 9a. A rectangle; height 9.75cm; width 12.45cm
- 10a. No. A scale factor of 1.5 means each side of the original shape is multiplied by 1.5.
- 11a. The square should be reproduced using a scale factor of 0.5; height 1 square; width 1 square (1 square in total)
- 12a. False. It has been increased by a scale factor of 1.5.

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Developing

- 1b. A square; height 16cm; width 16cm
- 2b. No. A scale factor of three means each side of the original shape is multiplied by three.
- 3b. A square; height 6cm; width 6cm (36 squares in total)
- 4b. True

Expected

- 5b. A triangle; A: 10.8cm B: 18cm C: 14.4cm
- 6b. No. All sides are enlarged when using a scale factor.
- 7b. The shape should be reproduced using a scale factor of 2. (20 squares in total)
- 8b. False. It has increased by a scale factor of 2.

Greater Depth

- 9b. A trapezium; A: 7cm B: 8.3cm C: 10.5cm
- 10b. Yes
- 11b. The rectangle should be reproduced using a scale factor of 2.5; height: 5 squares; width: 7.5 squares (37.5 squares in total)
- 12b. True