

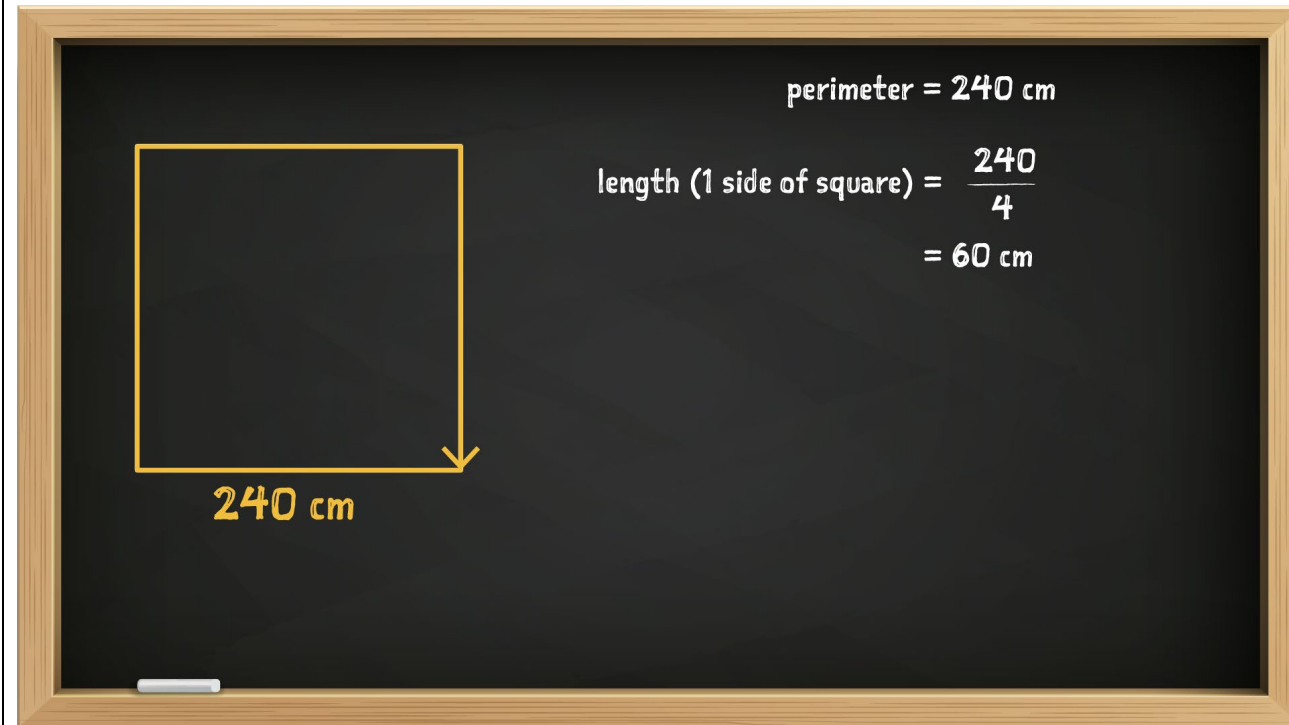


Maths in Action: Solution to Problem 3

Transcript

One way to solve the problem would be this. The perimeter of the square is two hundred and forty centimetres. The first step is to find the length of one side of the square. Because squares have four equal sides, to solve this you divide the perimeter of two hundred and forty centimetres by four, which equals sixty centimetres. So, the length of one side is sixty centimetres.

Working





Transcript

Then you need to calculate the length of one rectangle. To do this, divide the length of the square by two. Sixty divided by two is thirty. So, the rectangle's length is thirty centimetres.

Working

The chalkboard shows a diagram of a square divided into two equal rectangles by a vertical line. A horizontal double-headed arrow below the right rectangle is labeled "30 cm". To the right of the diagram, the following calculations are written:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{perimeter} &= 240 \text{ cm} \\ \text{length (1 side of square)} &= \frac{240}{4} \\ &= 60 \text{ cm} \\ \text{length of one rectangle} &= \frac{60}{2} \\ &= \boxed{30 \text{ cm}}\end{aligned}$$



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What is the width of one of these rectangles?

To find this you divide the length of the square by three. Sixty divided by three is twenty. So, the rectangle's width is twenty centimetres. Can you think of other ways to solve this problem?

Working

perimeter = 240 cm

length (1 side of square) = $\frac{240}{4}$
= 60 cm

length of one rectangle = $\frac{60}{2}$
= 30 cm

width of one rectangle = $\frac{60}{3}$
= 20 cm