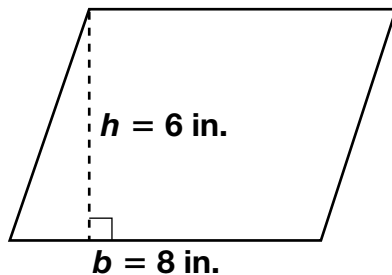


# Area of Parallelograms and Rhombuses

Find the area of this parallelogram.



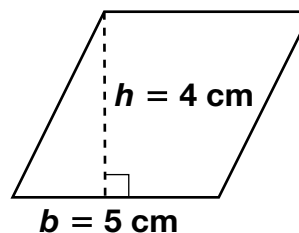
Use the formula  $A = bh$ .

$$A = 8 \times 6$$

$$A = 48 \text{ in}^2$$

The area of the parallelogram is 48 sq in.

Find the area of this rhombus.



Use the formula  $A = bh$ .

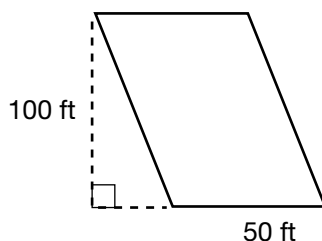
$$A = 5 \times 4$$

$$A = 20 \text{ cm}^2$$

The area of the rhombus is 20 cm<sup>2</sup>.

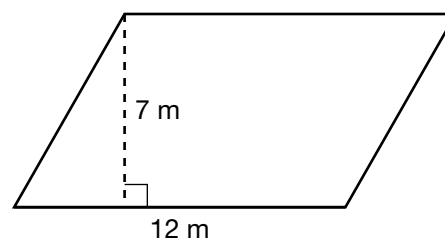
Find the area of each parallelogram or rhombus.

1.



$$5,000 \text{ ft}^2$$

2.



$$84 \text{ m}^2$$

3. Rhombus:  $b = 6 \text{ ft}$ ,  $h = 4 \text{ ft}$

$$24 \text{ ft}^2$$

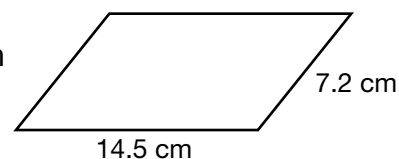
4. Parallelogram:  $b = 18 \text{ m}$ ,  $h = 13.5 \text{ m}$

$$243 \text{ m}^2$$

5. Parallelogram:  $b = 20 \text{ in.}$ ,  $h = 9\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.}$

$$190 \text{ in}^2$$

6. **Writing to Explain** Tony says he does not have enough information to find the area of this parallelogram. Is he correct? Explain.

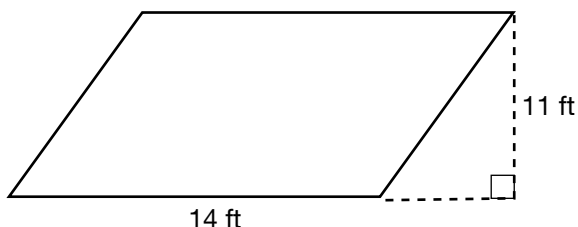


**He is correct. He needs the height of the parallelogram to calculate the area.**

# Area of Parallelograms and Rhombuses

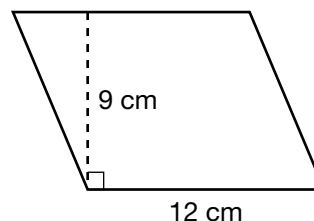
Find the area of each parallelogram or rhombus.

1.



$$A = 154 \text{ ft}^2$$

2.



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

3. Rhombus

$$b = 30 \text{ m}$$

$$h = 15.5 \text{ m}$$

$$A = 465 \text{ m}^2$$

4. Parallelogram

$$b = 18 \text{ in.}$$

$$h = 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.}$$

$$A = 45 \text{ in}^2$$

5. Parallelogram

$$b = 20 \text{ ft}$$

$$h = 3 \text{ yd}$$

$$A = 180 \text{ ft}^2$$

6. **Writing to Explain** The area of a parallelogram is 42 square inches. The parallelogram's base is 6 inches. Find the height of the parallelogram. Explain how you do it.

**Sample answer: I substituted the numbers I know into the formula and solved for  $h$ .  $A = bh$ ;  $42 = (6)h$ ;  $42 \div 6 = 6h \div 6$ ;  $7 \text{ in.} = h$ .**

7. **Number Sense** A parallelogram has a base of 4 m and a height of 3 m. Find the area of the parallelogram in square centimeters.

$$(400)(300) = 120,000 \text{ cm}^2$$

8. **Estimation** Which is the best estimate of the area of a parallelogram that has a base of 11.42 cm and a height of 8.33 cm?

**A** 200  $\text{cm}^2$

**B** 160  $\text{cm}^2$

**C** 100  $\text{cm}^2$

**D** 50  $\text{cm}^2$

9. **Reasoning** The area of a figure is  $36 \text{ cm}^2$ . Give 3 possible shapes of the figure. Where possible give 3 possible sets of dimensions for each possible shape.

**Square, rectangle, parallelogram; If the figure is a square, the only possible dimensions are  $6 \text{ cm} \times 6 \text{ cm}$ . If the figure is a rectangle or a parallelogram, possible dimensions are  $3 \text{ cm} \times 12 \text{ cm}$ ,  $4 \text{ cm} \times 9 \text{ cm}$ ,  $1 \text{ cm} \times 36 \text{ cm}$ .**