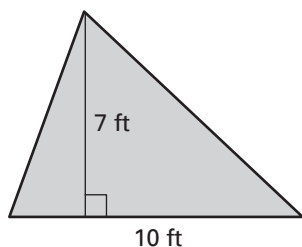


**LESSON**  
**20.2****Leveled Problem Solving**  
**Areas of Triangles**  
**and Trapezoids**

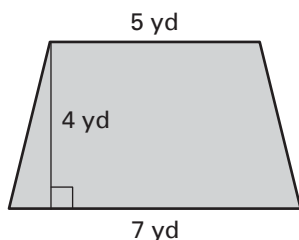
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**Solve.**

- Manuel calculates the areas of triangles using the formula  $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bh$ , where  $b$  is the base of the triangle and  $h$  is the corresponding height. For a triangle with a base of 6 m and a height of 4 m, he multiplies  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$ . What is the triangle's area?  
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- Manuel's sister calculates the areas of trapezoids using the formula  $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2)h$ , where  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are the bases of the trapezoid and  $h$  is its height. For a trapezoid with bases of 3 cm and 5 cm and a height of 2 cm, she multiplies  $\frac{1}{2} \times (3 \text{ cm} + 5 \text{ cm}) \times 2 \text{ cm}$ . What is the trapezoid's area?  
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- Gavin's bedroom is shaped like the triangle that is shown below. What is his bedroom's area?  
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- Maria's front yard is shaped like a trapezoid with the dimensions shown. What is the area of her front yard?  
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- The floor of Taylor's bathroom is covered with tiles in the shape of triangles. Each triangle has a height of 7 in. and a base of 12 in. If the floor of her bathroom has 40 tiles, what is the area of the bathroom floor?  
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- One side of the stage where Juan's drama club performs is shaped like a trapezoid with an area of  $72 \text{ m}^2$ . The trapezoid's two bases are 30 m and 42 m. What is the height of the trapezoid?  
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