

# 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.

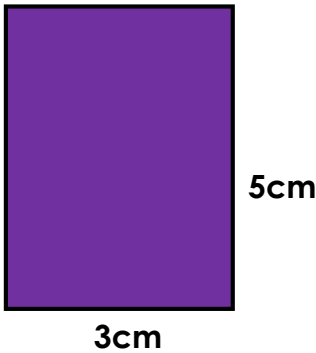
**Greater Depth** Questions to support using scale factors. Involving whole numbers and decimals to two decimal places in measurements and some scaled factors can increase by a half.

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Using Scale Factors

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

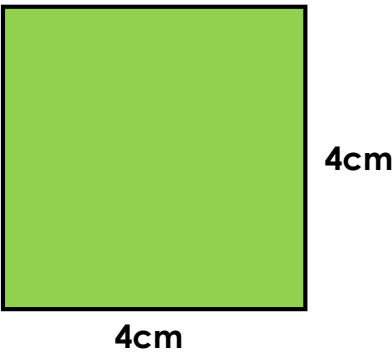


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Using Scale Factors

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,



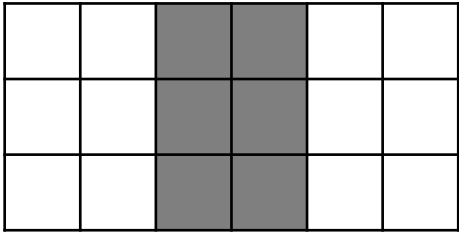
A scale factor of three means the new shape is twice as big as the original shape.

Is he correct?



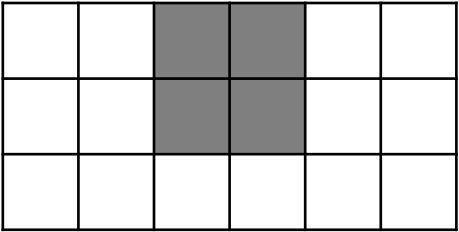
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3a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.



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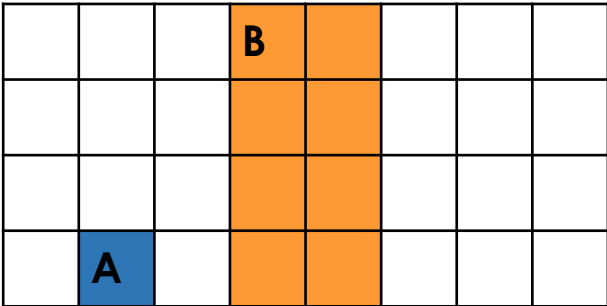
3b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 3.



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4a. True or false?

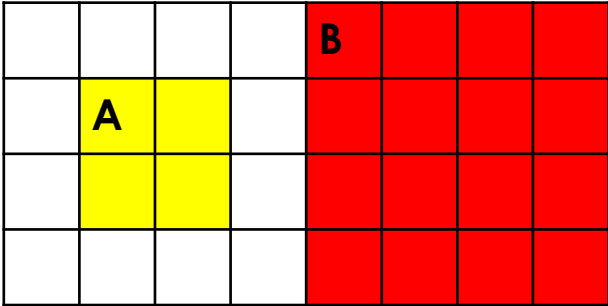
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 3 to create shape B.



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4b. True or false?

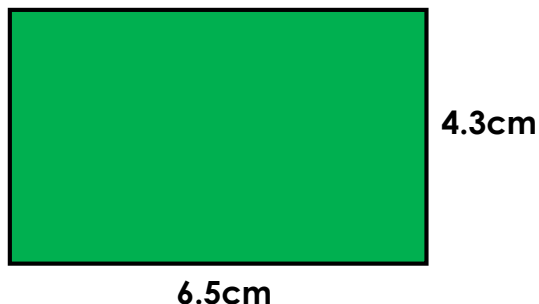
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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



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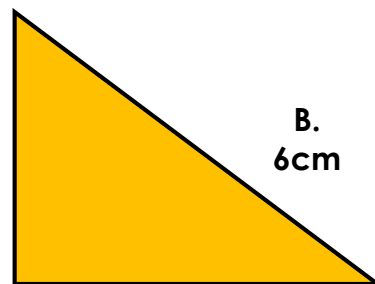
## Using Scale Factors

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,



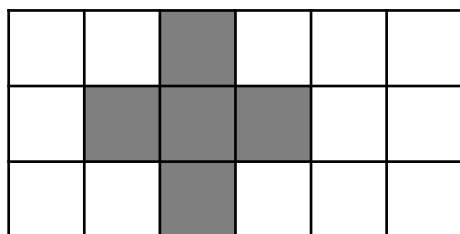
Only one side of a shape is enlarged when using a scale factor.

Is she correct?



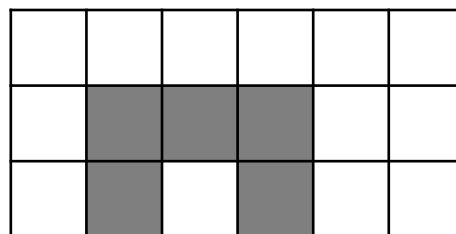
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7a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 3.



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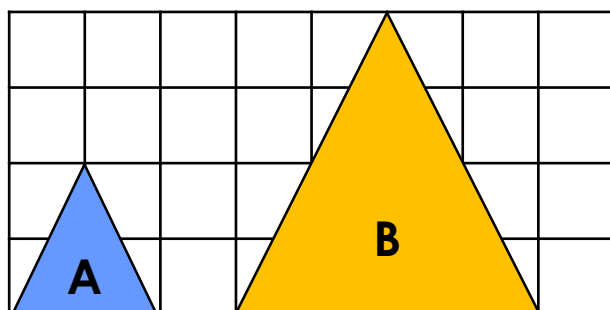
7b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.



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8a. True or false?

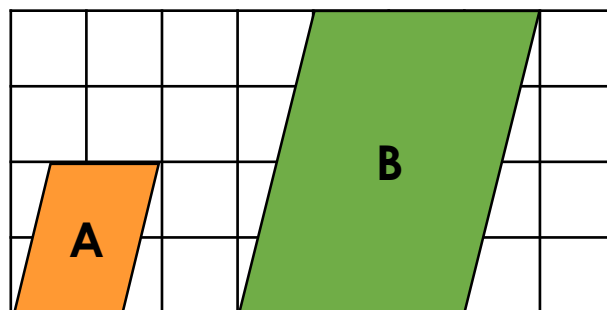
Shape A has increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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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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## Using Scale Factors

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



4.15cm

3.25cm

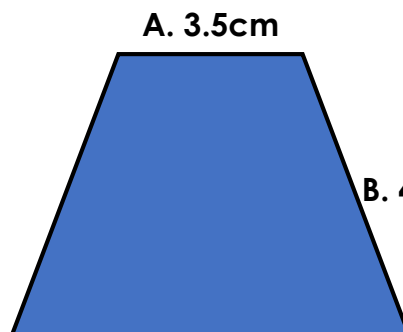


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## Using Scale Factors

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



A. 3.5cm

B. 4.15cm

C. 5.25cm



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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,



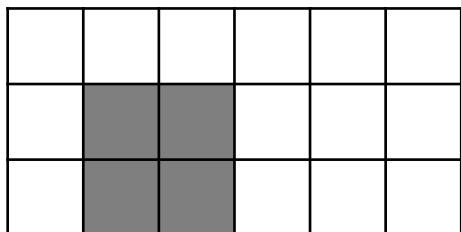
A scale factor of a half means each side of the original shape is halved.

Is he correct?



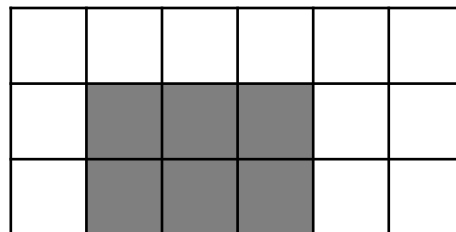
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11a. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of a half.



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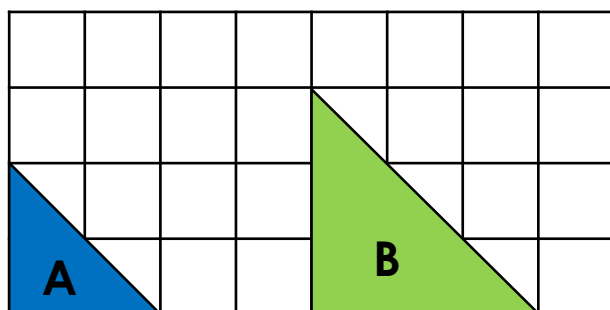
11b. Copy this shape onto squared paper. Draw it using a scale factor of 2.5.



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12a. True or false?

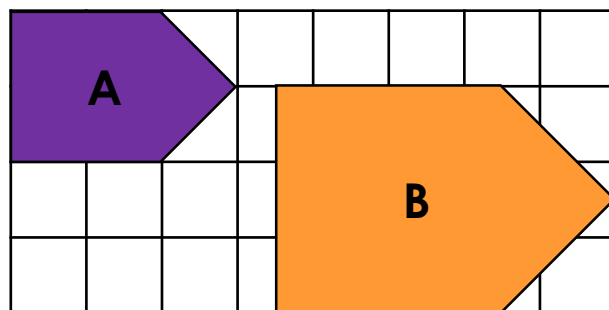
Shape A has been increased by a scale factor of 2 to create shape B.



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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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## Varied Fluency Using Scale Factors

### Developing

- 1a. A rectangle; height 9cm; width 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