Lesson 2: Area Summary

Review what you have learned prior to completing the Lesson Assignment.

Key Ideas

- Area is measured in square units (example: cm²).
- When solving area problems, after looking at or drawing a diagram, always include the formula or formulas to be used in your solution.
- Area can be estimated by taking the average of an overestimation and an underestimation.
- Area formulas do not need to be memorized as they will be provided on a formula sheet.
- For composite figures, the areas of simple shapes can be added together.
- All dimensions must be in the same unit before area can be calculated.

Shape	Picture	Formula
Square	s s	$A = s^2$
Rectangle	l w	$A = l \times w$
Triangle	$\stackrel{h}{\longleftrightarrow}$	$A = \frac{1}{2}b \times h$
Parallelogram	h b	$A = b \times h$
Trapezoid	$\begin{array}{c c} & b_1 \\ \hline h & \\ \hline b_2 & \\ \end{array}$	$A = \frac{h}{2}(b_1 + b_2)$
Circle		$A = \pi r^2$ $r = \frac{d}{2}$

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Key Terms

- area
- height
- length
- radius
- diameter
- base
- parallelogram
- trapezoid
- composite figure
- parallel

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