Lesson 6

Objective: Draw rows and columns to determine the area of a rectangle given an incomplete array.

Suggested Lesson Structure

- Fluency Practice (12 minutes)
- Application Problem (8 minutes)
- Concept Development (30 minutes)
- Student Debrief (10 minutes)
- Total Time (60 minutes)

**Fluency Practice (12 minutes)**

- Group Counting 3.OA.1 (4 minutes)
- Write the Multiplication Fact 3.MD.7 (4 minutes)
- Products in an Array 3.OA.3 (4 minutes)

**Group Counting (4 minutes)**

Note: Group counting reviews interpreting multiplication as repeated addition.

Instruct students to count forward and backward, occasionally changing the direction of the count.

- Sixes to 60
- Sevens to 70
- Eights to 80
- Nines to 90

**Write the Multiplication Fact (4 minutes)**

Materials: (S) Personal white board

Note: This fluency activity reviews relating multiplication with area from Lesson 5.

T: (Project a 5 by 3 square unit tiled rectangle. Write ___ × ___ = 15.) There are 15 tiles altogether. How many rows are there?

S: 5 rows.

T: (Write 5 × ___ = 15.) On your personal white board, fill in the blank to make the equation true.

S: (Write 5 × 3 = 15.)
T: (Project a 3 by 4 square unit tiled rectangle. Write ___ × ___ = 12.) There are 12 tiles altogether. How many columns are there?
S: 4 columns.
T: (Write ___ × 4 = 12.) On your personal white board, fill in the blank to make the equation true.
S: (Write 3 × 4 = 12.)

Continue with the following possible sequence, asking students to first name either the number of rows or the number of columns: 4 × 6, 6 × 7, 5 × 8, and 7 × 8.

**Products in an Array (4 minutes)**

Materials: (S) Personal white board

Note: This fluency activity supports the relationship between multiplication and area.

T: (Project an array with 2 rows of 6 stars.) How many rows of stars do you see?
S: 2 rows.
T: How many stars are in each row?
S: 6 stars.
T: On your personal white board, write two multiplication sentences that can be used to find the total number of stars.
S: (Write 2 × 6 = 12 and 6 × 2 = 12.)

Continue with the following possible sequence: 3 × 7, 6 × 5, 8 × 6, and 4 × 9.

**Application Problem (8 minutes)**

Huma has 4 bags of square inch tiles with 6 tiles in each bag. She uses them to measure the area of a rectangle on her homework. After covering the rectangle, Huma has 4 tiles left. What is the area of the rectangle?

Note: This problem reviews multi-step word problems in the context of using square tiles to measure area.
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Concept Development (30 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white board, straight edge, Problem Set, array 1 (Template 1), array 2 (Template 2)

Part 1: Estimate to draw the missing square units inside an array.

Students have Templates 1 and 2 in their personal white boards, and are looking at array 1.

T: How can an array of square units help you find the area of a rectangle?
S: You can count the total number of square units inside the rectangle. → You can skip-count the rows to find the total.

T: (Project or display the image on the right.) What do you notice about the array inside of this rectangle?
S: Some of the square units are missing.
T: What do you notice about the top row?
S: It has 4 square units and a rectangle.
T: Look at the second row. Can you use those square units to help you know how many square units make the top row?
S: The second row has 1 more square unit than the top row. You can just follow the line it makes to divide the rectangle into 2 square units.
T: Use your straight edge to draw that line now.
S: (Draw as shown on the right.)
T: Talk to your partner. Use the top row to figure out how many square units will fit in each of the rows below. How do you know?
S: Each row should have 6 square units because rows in an array are equal.
T: Use the lines that are already there as guides, and with your straight edge, draw lines to complete the array.
S: (Draw.)
T: How many rows of 6 are in this array?
S: 4 rows of 6.
T: What equation can be used to find the area of the rectangle?
S: 4 × 6 = 24.
Part 2: **Draw rows and columns to determine the area.**

- **T:** (Project the rectangle shown on the right.) Look at array 2. Can we estimate to draw unit squares inside the rectangle?
- **S:** Yes.
- **T:** It might take us longer because fewer units are given. A quicker way to find the area is to figure out the number of rows and the number of columns. Let’s start by finding the number of rows in our array. How can we find the number of rows?
- **S:** The first column shows you how many rows there are.
- **T:** With your finger, show your partner what you will draw to find the number of rows. Then, draw.
- **S:** (Show and draw.)
- **T:** How can we find the number of columns?
- **S:** The first row shows you how many columns there are.
- **T:** Use your straight edge to complete the first row. Label the side lengths of the rectangle, including units.
- **S:** (Draw and label side lengths 5 units and 6 units.)
- **T:** What number sentence can be used to find the area?
- **S:** $5 \times 6 = 30$.

**Problem Set (10 minutes)**

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted 10 minutes. For some classes, it may be appropriate to modify the assignment by specifying which problems they work on first. Some problems do not specify a method for solving. Students should solve these problems using the RDW approach used for Application Problems.

**Student Debrief (10 minutes)**

**Lesson Objective:** Draw rows and columns to determine the area of a rectangle given an incomplete array.

The Student Debrief is intended to invite reflection and active processing of the total lesson experience.
Invite students to review their solutions for the Problem Set. They should check work by comparing answers with a partner before going over answers as a class. Look for misconceptions or misunderstandings that can be addressed in the Debrief. Guide students in a conversation to debrief the Problem Set and process the lesson.

Any combination of the questions below may be used to lead the discussion.

- How did you know where to draw the columns and rows in Problem 1?
- To find area, why is it not necessary to draw all of the unit squares in an incomplete array?
- What mistake did Sheena make in Problem 2?
- Is it necessary to have the rug to solve Problem 3? Why or why not?
- In Problem 3, how many tiles does the rug touch?
- There are multiple ways to find a solution to Problem 4. Invite students to share how they found the answer.

Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help with assessing students’ understanding of the concepts that were presented in today’s lesson and planning more effectively for future lessons. The questions may be read aloud to the students.
1. Each [square] represents 1 square centimeter. Draw to find the number of rows and columns in each array. Match it to its completed array. Then, fill in the blanks to make a true equation to find each array’s area.

a. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]

b. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]

c. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]

d. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]

e. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]

f. 

[Array Image]

[Completed Array Image]

[Blank Equation]
2. Sheena skip-counts by sixes to find the total square units in the rectangle below. She says there are 42 square units. Is she right? Explain your answer.

3. The tile floor in Brandon’s living room has a rug on it as shown below. How many square tiles are on the floor, including the tiles under the rug?

4. Abdul is creating a stained glass window with square inch glass tiles as shown below. How many more square inch glass tiles does Abdul need to finish his glass window? Explain your answer.
The tiled floor in Cayden’s dining room has a rug on it as shown below. How many square tiles are on the floor, including the tiles under the rug?
Lesson 6 Homework

1. Each □ represents 1 square centimeter. Draw to find the number of rows and columns in each array. Match it to its completed array. Then, fill in the blanks to make a true equation to find each array’s area.

   a.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm

   b.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm

   c.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm

   d.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm

   e.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm

   f.  
      
      _____ cm × _____ cm = _____ sq cm
2. Minh skip-counts by sixes to find the total square units in the rectangle below. She says there are 36 square units. Is she correct? Explain your answer.

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3. The tub in Paige’s bathroom covers the tile floor as shown below. How many square tiles are on the floor, including the tiles under the tub?

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