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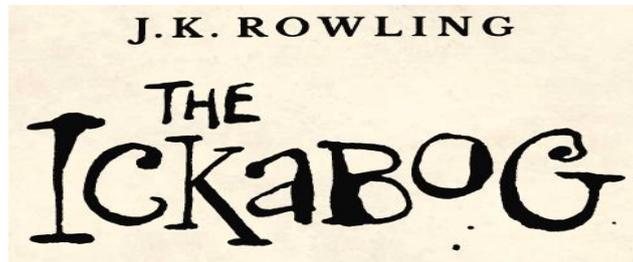


School Closure Home Learning

Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 2/7/20

Reading task – explanation



Chapter 3 – extract 3 of 4

What happened was this.

The King of Pluritania came to pay a formal visit to Fred (still hoping, perhaps, to exchange one of his daughters for a lifetime's supply of Hopes-of-Heaven) and Fred decided that he must have a brand-new set of clothes made for the occasion: dull purple, overlaid with silver lace, with amethyst buttons, and grey fur at the cuffs.

Now, King Fred had heard something about the Head Seamstress not being quite well, but he hadn't paid much attention. He didn't trust anyone but Daisy's mother to stitch on the silver lace properly, so gave the order that nobody else should be given the job. In consequence, Daisy's mother sat up three nights in a row, racing to finish the purple suit in time for the King of Pluritania's visit, and at dawn on the fourth day, her assistant

found her lying on the floor, dead, with the very last amethyst button in her hand.

The king's Chief Advisor came to break the news, while Fred was still having his breakfast. The Chief Advisor was a wise old man called Herringbone, with a silver beard that hung almost to his knees. After explaining that the Head Seamstress had died, he said:

'But I'm sure one of the other ladies will be able to fix on the last button for Your Majesty.'

There was a look in Herringbone's eye that King Fred didn't like. It gave him a squirming feeling in the pit of his stomach.

While his dressers were helping him into the new purple suit later that morning, Fred tried to make himself feel less guilty by talking the matter over with Lords Spittleworth and Flapoon.

'I mean to say, if I'd known she was seriously ill,' panted Fred, as the servants heaved him into his skin-tight satin pantaloons, 'naturally I'd have let someone else sew the suit.'

'Your Majesty is so kind,' said Spittleworth, as he examined his sallow complexion in the mirror over the fireplace. 'A more tender-hearted monarch was never born.'

'The woman should have spoken up if she felt unwell,' grunted Flapoon from a cushioned seat by the window. 'If she's not fit to work, she should've said so. Properly looked at, that's disloyalty to the king. Or to your suit, anyway.'

'Flapoon's right,' said Spittleworth, turning away from the mirror. 'Nobody could treat his servants better than you do, sire.'

'I *do* treat them well, don't I?' said King Fred anxiously, sucking in his stomach as the dressers did up his amethyst buttons. 'And after all,

chaps, I've got to look my blasted best today, haven't I? You know how dressy the King of Pluritania always is!

'It would be a matter of national shame if you were any less well-dressed than the King of Pluritania,' said Spittleworth.

'Put this unhappy occurrence out of your mind, sire,' said Flapoon. 'A disloyal seamstress is no reason to spoil a sunny day.'

Answer the following explanation questions into your books:

- 1) "What happened was this." What is the purpose of this text feature?
- 2) Is the use of brackets in the second paragraph needed? Why?
- 3) How does Fred feel about Herringbone? Find and copy the phrases which show this.
- 4) How does JK Rowling help the reader to imagine King Fred's appearance here?

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- 5) Which section was the most interesting part? Why?

Writing/SPaG task

Look at your work from yesterday. Today you are going to have a go at turning your descriptive sentences into a poetic verse about your Iron Man. This will be a rough draft and a chance to explore ideas.

Model

Sentence –

Large, purple fluorescent eyes.

Poem –

His large fluorescent eyes scanned all around,
With a purple like lavender and not a sound.

Try to write your poem using the same pattern as Brenda Williams. Have a go at writing similes and rhyming links. Include repetition and questions if you can for an extra challenge.

**THIS IS TRICKY – ATTEMPT ONE VERSE. IF YOU FEEL MORE
CONFIDENT YOU CAN ATTEMPT ANOTHER.**

Maths task

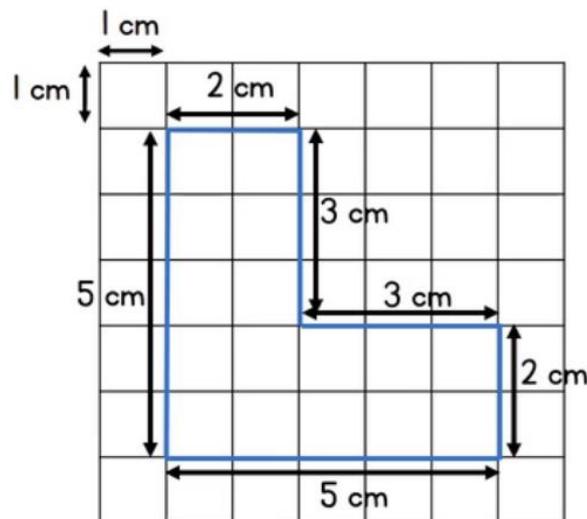
Measurement – perimeter of a rectilinear shape

Rectilinear shape = a shape that is made up of two or more rectangles. Watch this teaching video –

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/> (week 4 lesson 3)

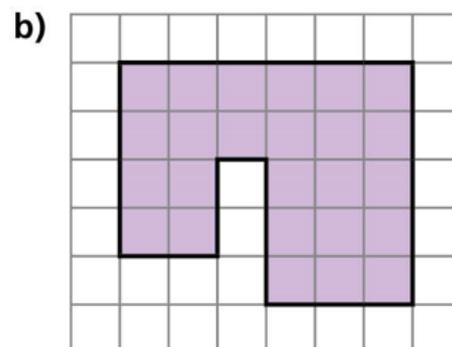
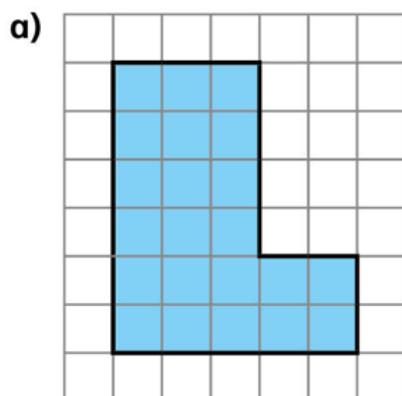
Perimeter of rectilinear shapes

Perimeter = the length around a 2-D shape



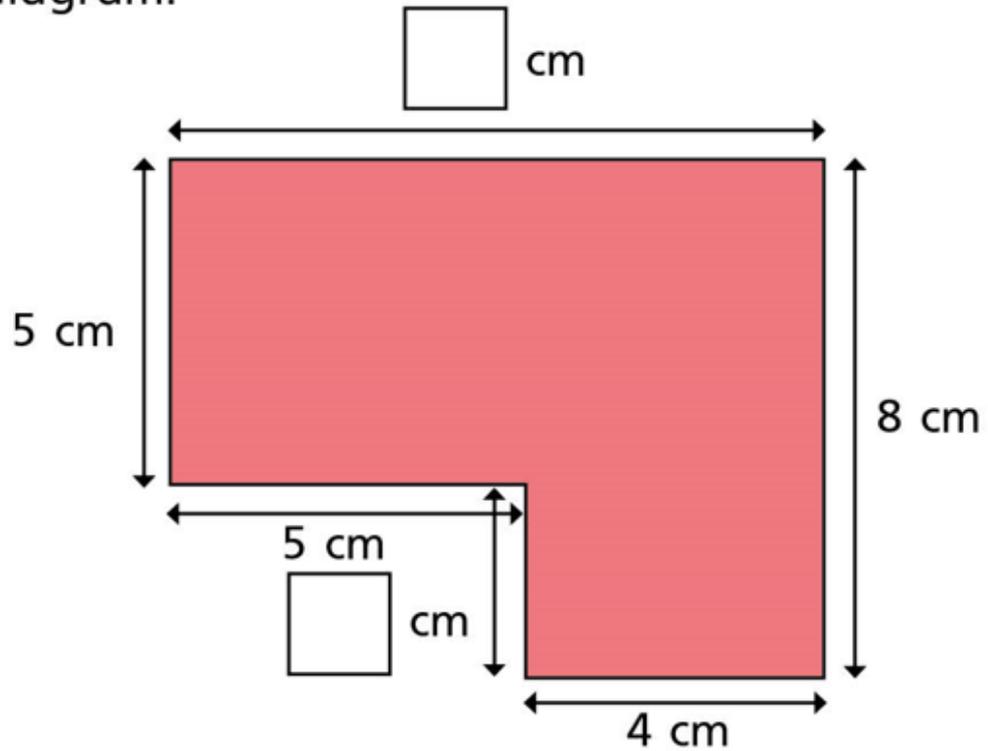
$$2 \text{ cm} + 3 \text{ cm} + 3 \text{ cm} + 2 \text{ cm} + 5 \text{ cm} + 5 \text{ cm} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

- 1) The length of each square on the grid is 1 cm.
Work out the perimeter of the shapes.



2)

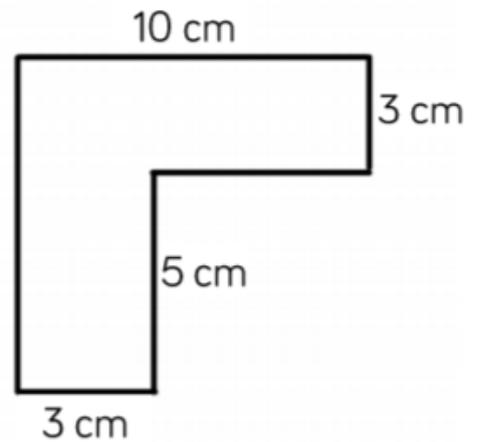
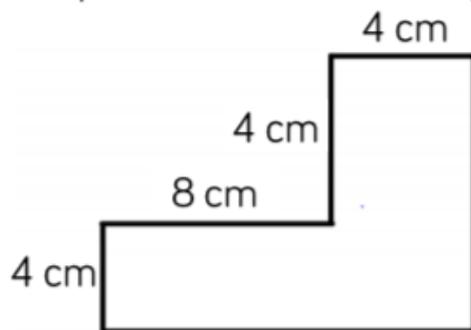
a) Work out the missing lengths and label them on the diagram.



b) What is the perimeter of the shape?

3)

Find the perimeter of the shapes.



4)

Work out the perimeter of each shape.

