Same Perimeter, Different Areas

You can use perimeter and area to compare rectangles.

Compare the perimeters of Rectangle A and Rectangle B.



Find the number of units around each rectangle.

Rectangle A: 3 + 2 + 3 + 2 = 10 units

Rectangle *B*: 4 + 1 + 4 + 1 = 10 units

Compare: 10 units = 10 units

So, Rectangle A has the same perimeter as Rectangle B.

Compare the areas of Rectangle A and Rectangle B.



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Find the number of unit squares needed to cover each rectangle.

Rectangle A: 2 rows of $3 = 2 \times 3$, or 6 square units

Rectangle *B*: 1 row of $4 = 1 \times 4$, or 4 square units

Compare: 6 square units > 4 square units

So, Rectangle A has a greater area than Rectangle B.

Find the perimeter and the area. Tell which rectangle has a greater area.

1 A B	2 A B
<i>A:</i> Perimeter =;	<i>A:</i> Perimeter =;
Area =	Area =
<i>B:</i> Perimeter =;	<i>B:</i> Perimeter =;
Area =	Area =
Rectangle has a greater area.	Rectangle has a greater area.