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17.4 The areas of compound shapes

You can already work out the areas of simple shapes such as rectangles, triangles, parallelograms, trapezium and circles.

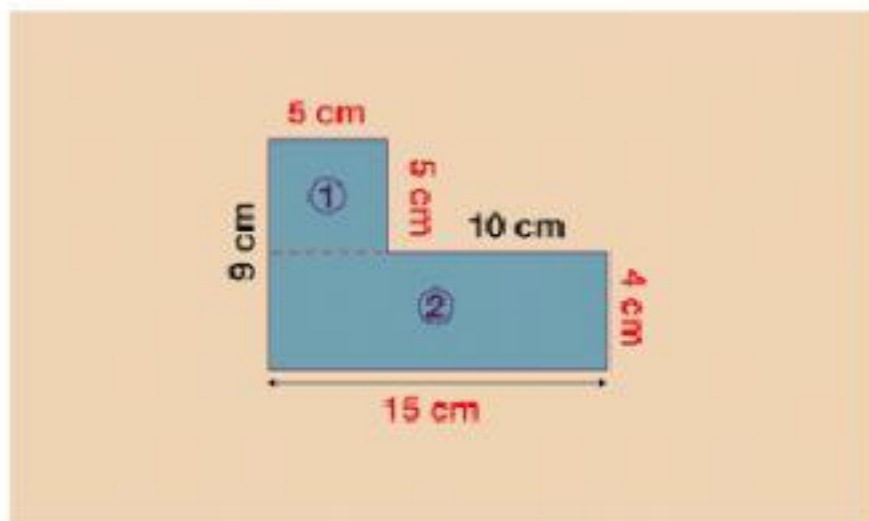
A (1) _____ is a shape that is made up of (2) _____.

Use this method to work out the area of a compound shape.

1 (3) _____ the compound shapes into simple shapes.

2 Work out the area of each (4) _____.

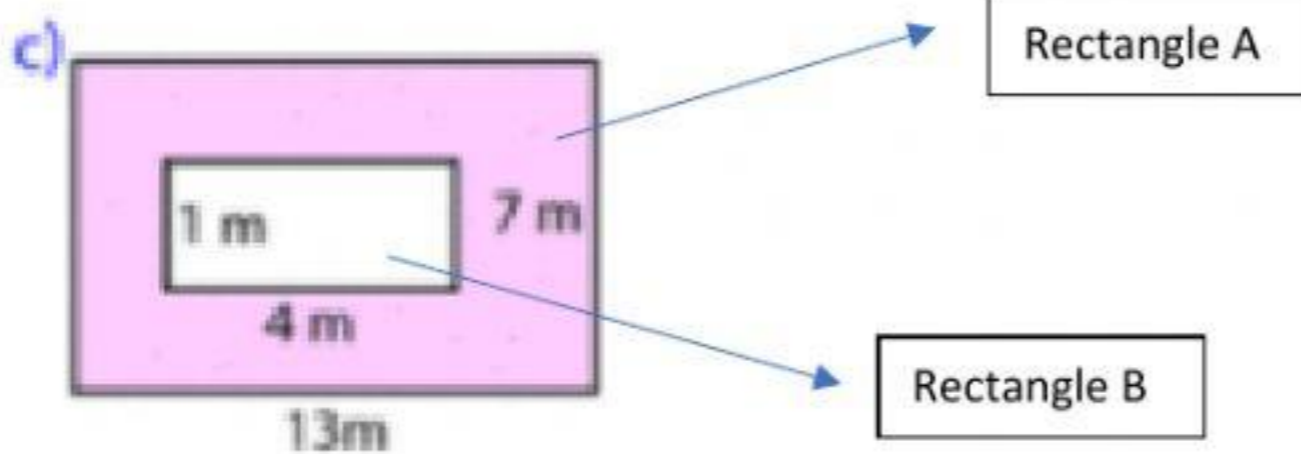
3 (5) _____ or (6) _____ the areas of the simple shapes to get the area you need.



Area of shape (1) = _____ cm^2

Area of shape (2) = _____ cm^2

Area of compound shape = _____ + _____
= _____ cm^2



Area of rectangle A = _____ m^2

Area of rectangle B = _____ m^2

Area of shaded (purple) part = _____ m^2