WALT - understand meaning of area and square meter, square centimeter etc Success criteria I know area is two dimensional and i can calculate area by multiplying sides and get my answer in unit square
1.Guess the area of the table top


Guess the area of this square


Guess the area of a square with a side length of 1 kilometer.


## EXAMPLE 1

Find the area of the number 5 by counting squares.


Area $=12$ square units (units $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$

1 By counting squares, find the area of each shape in square units.
a

b

c

d

e



2 By counting squares, find the area of each shape in square units.
a

b


d


## EXAMPLE 2

Estimate the area of the given shape by counting squares.

To estimate the area by counting squares:

- count whole squares as 1 square unit
- count squares with more than half shaded as 1 square unit
- count squares with exactly half shaded as $\frac{1}{2}$ square unit
- do not count squares with less than half shaded.

There are 42 complete squares.
There are 6 with more than half shaded.
42
$+6$
There are 3 with exactly half shaded.
$+\frac{1 \frac{1}{2}}{49 \frac{1}{2}}$
(•)
$\therefore$ Area $\approx 42+6+1 \frac{1}{2}=49 \frac{1}{2}$ square units.


3 By counting squares, estimate the area of each shape.
a

b

c

d

e

f


4 By counting squares on the grid paper, find an approximation for the area of each shape.


5 Approximate the areas of the leaves drawn on the 1 cm grid paper below by counting the squares.


6 a Explain the meaning of a square metre. Illustrate with a diagram.
b Explain the meaning of a square kilometre.

## Investigation 1 Areas in life

1 Use newspaper or cardboard to make a square metre.
a Use this square metre to estimate the areas of the walls in your classroom.
b If 1 L of paint covers about $10 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, how many litres of paint are needed to paint your classroom's walls?
c How many litres of paint are needed to paint the ceiling with two coats of paint?

