WALT Calculate circumference of a circle

## Success Criteria

- can define circumference.
- I can identify the circumference of a circle.
- I can calculate the circumference of a circle, given the radius or diameter.
- I can solve problems involving the circumference of a circle.


## Example 4 Finding the circumference of a circle

Find the circumference of this circle correct to two decimal places.


## Solution

$$
\begin{aligned}
C & =2 \pi r \\
& =2 \times \pi \times 3 \\
& =6 \pi \\
& =18.85 \mathrm{~cm}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Explanation

Use the formula $C=2 \pi r$ or $C=\pi d$ and substitute $r=3$ ( or $d=6$ ).
$6 \pi$ would be the exact answer and 18.85 is the rounded answer.


## Example 5 Finding circumference using the diameter

Find the circumference of this circle, correct to two decimal places.


## Solution

$$
\begin{aligned}
C & =\pi d \\
& =\pi \times 12 \\
& =37.70 \mathrm{~m}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Explanation

Write the formula. $C=\pi d$ is preferred since $d$ is given.
Substitute $d=12$ and multiply by $\pi$. Use a calculator and round.
Note: 37.6991 rounds to 37.70 for two decimal places.
6 Find the circumference of these circles correct to two decimal places.
a

b

c

Write the rule $\mathrm{C}=\pi d$ and substitute the diameter length.
d

e

f


7 Find the circumference of these circles without a calculator using the given approximation of $\pi$.


## Example 6 Working with a semicircle

Find the perimeter of this semicircle correct
to two decimal places.


## Solution

$$
\begin{aligned}
P & =\frac{1}{2} \times \pi d+10 \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times 10+10 \\
& =25.71 \mathrm{~cm}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Explanation

The perimeter consists of half the circumference of a circle (with diameter 10 cm ) plus the 10 cm diameter across the top.

8 Find the perimeter of these sectors correct to two decimal places.

b


Decide what fraction of the circumference you want and don't forget to add the straight sides.
d

e


15.9 km

## Extension

9 Find the distance around the outside of a circular pool of radius 4.5 m , correct to two decimal places.

10 Find the length of string required to surround the circular trunk of a tree that has a diameter of 1.3 m , correct to one decimal place.

11 Give the perimeter of these shapes, correct to two decimal places.
a

c


Two semicircles of the same size make a full circle.

## The rolling wheel

12 A wheel of radius 30 cm is rolled in a straight line.
a Find the circumference of the wheel correct to two decimal places.
b How far, correct to two decimal places, has the wheel rolled after completing:
i 2 rotations?
ii 10.5 rotations?

c Can you find how many rotations would be required to cover at least 1 km in length? Round to the nearest whole number.


## Check Your Answers



