

# Maps and Scale Drawings

On the drawing, the scale tells us that 1 cm = 2 ft.

For every 1 cm on the drawing, there are 2 ft in the kitchen.

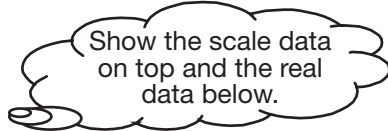
What is the real length of the room?

**Step 1:** Set up a proportion.

Write the scale as the first ratio.

Use the information about the kitchen for the second ratio.

$$\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{2 \text{ ft}} = \frac{8 \text{ cm}}{x}$$

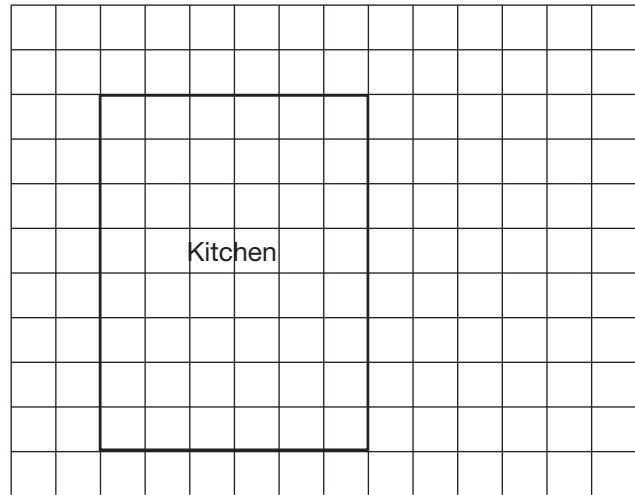


**Step 2:** Use cross multiplication to solve the proportion.

$$\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{2 \text{ ft}} = \frac{8 \text{ cm}}{x}$$

$$1x = 2 \times 8$$

$$x = 16$$



Scale: 1 cm = 2ft

The real room is 16 feet long.

Use the scale drawing to answer 1 through 3.

1. What is the actual length of the living room?

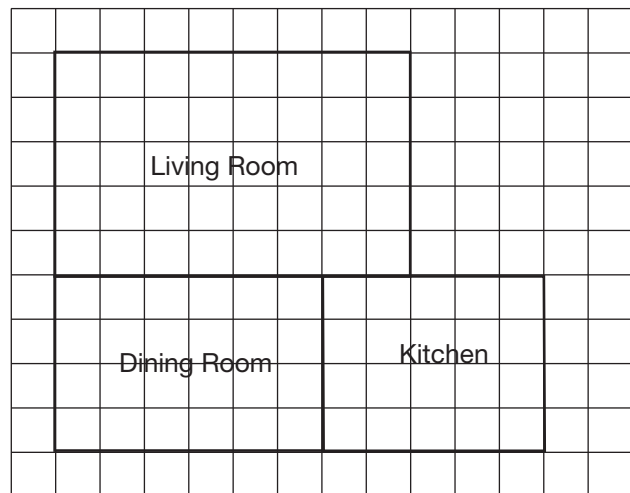
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2. What are the dimensions of the dining room?

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3. What are the dimensions of the kitchen?

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Scale: 1 cm = 2.5 ft

4. **Reasoning** A room measures 12 ft by 15 ft. Find the scale that would allow the room to be shown as large as possible on a piece of paper 7 in. by 8 in. Explain your reasoning.

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