

As outcomes, Year 8 pupils should, for example:

Use logical argument to establish the truth of a statement; give solutions to an appropriate degree of accuracy in the context of the problem.

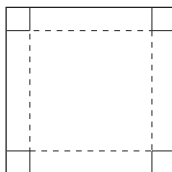
For example, solve:

- **Consecutive sums**
Prove that the sum of any five consecutive numbers is always divisible by 5.

Related objectives:
Represent problems in algebraic, geometric or graphical form.

[Link to multiples, factors and primes, and tests of divisibility \(pages 52–5\).](#)

- **Max box**
Open-top boxes can be made from paper by cutting identical squares from each corner and folding up the sides.



Start with a 20 cm square.
Plan to make an open-top box with the greatest possible capacity.
What are its dimensions?

Explore for other sizes of squares.

Related objectives:
Suggest extensions to problems, conjecture and generalise; identify exceptional cases or counter-examples.

[Link to ordering decimals \(pages 40–1\); constructing linear functions arising from real-life problems and plotting their graphs \(pages 172–3\); interpreting graphs arising from real situations \(pages 174–7\).](#)

- **Pizza**
These are the ingredients for a pizza for 4 people.

½ oz dried yeast	2 oz mushrooms
½ pint water	2 tomatoes
1 lb of plain flour	4 oz cheese
½ teaspoon of salt	6 black olives
8 oz ham	

Adapt the recipe for 6 people.
Convert the recipe to metric measurements.

Related objectives:
Solve problems in a range of contexts.

[Link to solving simple word problems involving ratio and direct proportion \(pages 78–81\); converting imperial to metric measures \(pages 228–9\).](#)

As outcomes, Year 9 pupils should, for example:

Present a concise, reasoned argument, using symbols, diagrams, graphs and text; give solutions to an appropriate degree of accuracy; recognise limitations on accuracy of data and measurements; give reasons for choice of presentation, explaining features, showing insight into the problem's structure.

For example, solve:

- **Perimeter**
The perimeter of a triangle is 48 cm. The length of the shortest side is s cm, and of another side is $2s$ cm. Prove that $12 > s > 8$.

Related objectives:
Represent problems in algebraic, geometric or graphical form.

[Link to solving problems using properties of triangles \(pages 184–9\).](#)

- **Round table**
At Winchester there is a large table known as the Round Table of King Arthur.



The diameter of the table is 5.5 metres.
A book claims that 50 people can sit around the table. Do you think this is possible?
Explain and justify your answer.
State all the assumptions that you make.

Related objectives:
Solve substantial problems by breaking them into simpler tasks, using efficient techniques, methods and resources, including ICT; use trial and improvement where a more efficient method is not obvious.

[Link to using circle formulae \(pages 234–7\).](#)

- **Seeing the wood for the trees**
Estimate the number of trees that are needed each day to provide newspapers for the UK.

Related objectives:
Solve increasingly demanding problems; explore connections in mathematics across a range of contexts.

[Link to discussing how data relate to the problem, identifying possible sources; identifying possible bias and planning to minimise it \(pages 250–1\); communicating results using selected tables, graphs and diagrams in support, using ICT as appropriate \(pages 272–5\); examining results critically, recognising the limitations of any assumptions and their effect on conclusions drawn \(pages 272–5\).](#)