

Circle: pi and Finding Circumference

1. WHAT IS pi (π)?

- π (pronounced as "pie") is a letter of the Greek alphabet;
- in Math, this symbol is used to represent the ratio of circumference and diameter, the special relationship between circumference and diameter;
- in any circle, this ratio, this relationship is always the same:

$$\pi = 3.141\ 592\ 653\ 589\ 793\dots$$

- this number is a non-repeating, and non-terminating decimal;
- it has been a great quest in history to find the most accurate measure of π

2. DIAMETER & RADIUS

Remember that the definition of radius is _____.

Therefore, if the radius of a circle is 4 cm, then the diameter must be _____.

Complete the table:

CIRCLE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
RADIUS	11m	21cm	1.1cm			1.3m	2.9cm		
DIAMETER				8m	11cm			5.3m	9cm

Remember: diameter = 2 x radius

$$d = 2r$$

radius = diameter \div 2

$$r = \frac{d}{2}$$

3. FINDING CIRCUMFERENCE

Remember that every circumference, when divided by its diameter will always equal _____

That means that a diameter of a circle multiplied by π will always give you the circle's _____.

Knowing this, we can come up with these formulae.

To find the circumference of a circle we use:

$C = \pi d$ when we are given the diameter of the circle;

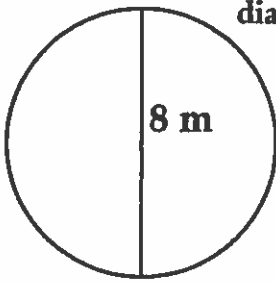
or

$C = \pi 2r$ (usually written $C = 2\pi r$) when we are given the radius of the circle
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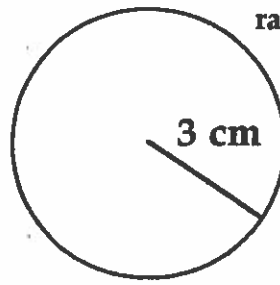
To simplify calculation, we use $\pi \doteq 3.14$

4. Example: Find the Circumference of these circles:

a) diameter = 8 m



b) radius = 3 cm



Since the **diameter** is given, we use this formula:

Since the **radius** is given, we use this formula:

$$C = \pi d$$

$$= 3.14 \times 8 \text{ m}$$

$$= 25.12 \text{ m}$$

$$C = 2\pi r$$

$$= 2 \times 3.14 \times 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 6.28 \times 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 18.84 \text{ cm}$$

Formula is always written first

All work is shown in steps

Final answer rounded to two decimal places with proper unit included

5. Calculate the following Circumferences.

