

Approaches for finding the length of brown tape

A company manufactures clear and brown packing tape.

- The clear rolls contain 120 metres of tape.
- The rolls of brown tape contain 50% more tape than the clear rolls.

How many metres of tape do the rolls of brown tape contain?

Nel's approach	Reuben's approach	Saskia's approach
$10\% \text{ of } 120\text{m} = 12\text{m}$ $12\text{m} \times 15 = 180\text{m}$	$120\text{m} \times 1.5 = 180\text{m}$	$120\text{m} \div 2 = 60\text{m}$ $150\% = 120\text{m} + 60\text{m} = 180\text{m}$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has Nel done? • Why has Nel multiplied by 15? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has Reuben done? • Why has Reuben multiplied by 1.5? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has Saskia done? • Why has Saskia divided by 2?

Nel, Reuben and Saskia each drew a diagram to show their thinking. Whose diagram is whose?

-----'s diagram	-----'s diagram	-----'s diagram
	<p>Clear tape </p> <p>Brown tape </p>	<p>Clear tape </p> <p>Brown tape </p>