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## Perimeter and Area of Polygons and Circles Explore Activity

Directions: The data below were collected using dynamic geometry software. Use the data to complete the table. Answer the questions that follow.

apothem $(a)=1.155 \mathrm{~cm}$ Perimeter $(P)=8.001 \mathrm{~cm}$ Area $(A)=4.620 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

apothem (a) $=1.815 \mathrm{~cm}$ Perimeter $(P)=12.573 \mathrm{~cm}$ Area $(A)=11.408 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

apothem (a) $=2.273 \mathrm{~cm}$

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\text { Perimeter }(P)=15.748 \mathrm{~cm}
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\text { Area }(A)=17.898 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}
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apothem (a) $=2.658 \mathrm{~cm}$
Perimeter $(P)=18.415 \mathrm{~cm}$
Area $(A)=24.473 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

apothem (a) $=2.768 \mathrm{~cm}$
Perimeter $(P)=19.177 \mathrm{~cm}$
Area $(A)=26.541 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

| Hexagon <br> Number | Apothem (a) <br> $(\mathrm{cm})$ | $\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}$ | Perimeter (P) <br> $(\mathrm{cm})$ | Area (A) <br> $\left(\mathbf{c m}^{2}\right)$ |
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## Debriefing Questions

1. Taking a rounding error into account, what is the relationship among the apothem, perimeter and area of each hexagon?
2. What symbolic formula can you write to show the relationship among the apothem, perimeter and area of each hexagon?
3. Explain why your formula can be used to find the area of any regular polygon.
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Directions: Cut out or trace the two circles below. Use paper folding or a protractor to create the sectors shown in the table. Use a centimeter ruler to measure and help you complete the table.


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## Debriefing Questions

1. How did you determine the length of arc $A B$ ?
2. How did you determine the area of sector $A O B$ ?
3. What formula can be used to find the length of an arc of a circle?
4. What formula can be used to find the area of a sector of a circle?
