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Here is another drawing of a rectangle (not to scale). This has an area of 24 square cm as well. But the length is 17 cm . Using only multiplication on your calculator, can you find the width of the rectangle? I'll help by starting you off.

17 cm
?? $\square$

| $1^{\text {st }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times 2=34$ | too big |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2^{\text {nd }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times 1.5=25.5$ | too big |
| $3^{\text {rd }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times 1.3=22.1$ | too small |
| $4^{\text {th }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times 1.4=23.8$ | too small |
| $5^{\text {th }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times 1.45=24.65$ | too big (but closer) |

Carry on to see how close you can get in 4 more goes

| $6^{\text {th }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times \square$ | $=\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $7^{\text {th }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times \square$ | too $\square \square$ |
| $8^{\text {th }} \operatorname{tr} y$ | $17 \times \square$ | too $\square \square$ |
| $9^{\text {th }} \operatorname{try}$ | $17 \times \square$ | $=\square$ |

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11 cm


| $1^{\text {st }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ try | 11 x | = | too |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $5^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ try | 11 x | $=$ | too |
| $10^{\text {th }} \operatorname{tr} y$ | 11 x | $=$ | too |



