

A Dimensions

A journalist is talking to an expert on mobile phones about the Nokia N97.



Journalist: **What is the Nokia N97 like?** What does it do?

Expert: It's a mobile phone, but really it's also a small computer.

Journalist: **What are its dimensions?**

Expert: It's **rectangular**. It's 11.7 centimetres **long**, 5.5 centimetres **wide** and 1.6 centimetres **thick**.

Journalist: That's not very thick.

Expert: Yes, it's quite **thin**.

Journalist: **How big is the screen?**

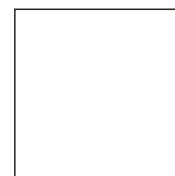
Expert: The screen is 3.7 centimetres **wide** by 8 centimetres **long**. The **diagonal** dimension is 8.9 centimetres. But it's more usual to talk about the **diagonal** dimension in inches – it's 3.5 inches.

Journalist: **How much does it weigh /weɪ/?**

Expert: It's not **heavy** – it doesn't weigh very much. It's very **light**. In fact, it has a **weight** /weɪt/ of only 150 grams.



A rectangle



A square

Note

BrE: millimetre /'mɪlɪ,mɪ:tə/, centimetre /'sentɪ,mɪ:tə/, metre
AmE: millimeter, centimeter, meter

B Features

The expert talks about the **features** /'fi:tʃəz/ – important points – of the Nokia N97.

Journalist: **How fast** is the Nokia N97?

Expert: As a computer, it's very **fast**. It works at very **high speeds**.

Journalist: **What does it do?**

Expert: You can use it to **access** /'ækses/ – use – **the Internet**. And it has all the usual features: email, phone book, etc.

Journalist: Is it **easy to use**?

Expert: Yes, very easy. You don't need to read the **manual** – the book that comes with it.

Note

Access is a verb and a noun. Be careful with its spelling, not 'æees' or 'æess'.



31.1 Look at A and B opposite. Complete the tables.

Adjective	Noun
long	length
	width
	thickness
square	square
	rectangle

Verb	Noun
	weight

31.2 Complete the description using the correct words from 31.1 above.

- 1 The screen is 105 cm The of the screen is 105 cm.
- 2 Its is 2 cm. It's 2 cm
- 3 It's not square. It's
- 4 It 7 kg. Its is 7 kg.



31.3 Look at B opposite. Complete the sentences.

1



Oh no. I paid €100 for this, but do?

2



Everything is clear. I understand. It's very

3



This computer isn't very It takes a long time just to send an email.

Over to you



Describe a product that you know, using expressions from this unit.

31.1

Adjective	Noun
long	length
wide	width
thick	thickness
square	square
rectangular	rectangle
Verb	Noun
weigh	weight

31.2

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 wide, width | 3 rectangular |
| 2 thickness, thick | 4 weighs, weight |

31.3

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| 1 what does it | 3 fast |
| 2 easy to use | |

Over to you (sample answer)

I have a Blackberry Bold. It's rectangular. It's 11.4 centimetres long, 6.6 centimetres wide and 1.5 centimetres thick. It weighs 136 grams. It's very easy to use.