## ENLARGEMENT AND REDUCTION

## A DEFINITIONS

**Discover:** Look at the rectangles below. They have the same shape but different sizes because their side lengths grow or shrink by the same multiplier.



Rectangle A is enlarged to A' by doubling its side lengths (multiplying by 2). Notice how the width and height both double.

## Definition **Enlargement and Reduction**

• An enlargement makes a shape larger by multiplying all side lengths by a number called the scale factor.



In this example, shape A is enlarged to A' by multiplying side lengths by 2 (scale factor = 2). The bottom side grows from 4 to 8 squares.

• A reduction makes a shape smaller by dividing all side lengths by a number called the scale factor.



In this example, shape A is reduced to A' by dividing side lengths by 2 (scale factor = 2). The bottom side shrinks from 8 to 4 squares.