

# Stormalong

A long time ago, a furious storm hit the coast of Maine. When it was over, the townsfolk crept out to the beach where they came upon the largest baby boy they had ever seen!

“We’ll call this chap Stormy, short for Stormalong,” said the mayor. Then he took out his tape measure. “This baby is sixteen feet long!”

“Goo, goo,” gurgled Stormy.

Well, as you can imagine, Stormy grew as big as a whale. Before long, he was out frolicking in the deep water with the sharks and sea lions.

With a hankering for the smell of saltwater in his nose and wind in his hair, he grew up with the mind to become a sailor. Along the docks, he found the largest of the clipper ships, *The Great Republic*.

“Will you hire me, captain?” he asked.

“You can be cabin boy if you promise not to sink the ship,” answered the captain, looking up at the giant-sized Stormy.

Like he promised, Stormy didn’t sink the ship. And he came in mighty handy, too. Folks still talk about the night a giant octopus wrapped its body around the ship. In no time, young Stormy came to the rescue! He jumped in the water and set to work on that octopus. When he was done, it had seaworthy knots in its eight tentacles and was sinking fast to the bottom of the sea.

Everyone loved Stormy, but he grew and grew. Soon, the ship was taking in water with his every step.

“You’ve got to go, Stormy,” said the captain, “or we won’t stay afloat.”

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So, Stormy headed back to shore to become a farmer, but it didn't take long before he missed the sea.

"I think it misses me, too," he said to himself. With that, he trekked back to the coast, where his friends greeted him with a warm welcome.

"You've grown even more," said his old captain. "Why your feet look like my rowboats. Your toothpick could be one of my oars. You need a clipper ship made just for you."

So they built him a ship, *The Courser*. The rowboat of *The Courser* was nine times the length of *The Great Republic*. Its deck was so long the crew had to ride stallions to get from one end to the other. The mast was so high it needed to be unhinged as they passed under the sun and moon.

Well, Stormy was quite a chipper chap after that. And it wasn't until he tried to sail through the English Channel that he bumped into trouble. His clipper ship was as wide as the Straits of Dover, the narrowest part of the channel.

But Stormy knew just what to do. "Get out the soap," he shouted to his crew. "Scrub down the sides of the boat 'til they're slick and shiny." And that's just what they did.

"Ship ahoy!" called Stormy.

*The Courser* slid right through the straits and kept sailing. But the white soap clung to the rocky cliffs and is there still today. Those cliffs are now known as the White Cliffs of Dover. And Stormy has been a legend ever since.



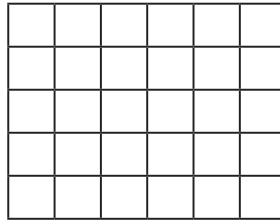


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1. As a baby, Stormy slept in a crib that was 18 feet long and 7 feet wide.  
Find the following for his crib:

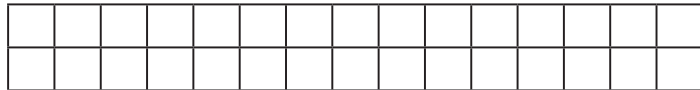
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2. When he was a child, Stormy played with 30 wooden blocks. Each block measured 1 square foot. Once Stormy lined up his blocks like the arrangement here.  
Find the following:



perimeter: \_\_\_\_\_ area: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Another time, Stormy arranged his blocks like the ones here.  
Find the following:



perimeter: \_\_\_\_\_ area: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Stormy planted a garden to grow his own food.  
Use the table to find the following for each plant in Stormy's garden:

**Garden Space Used**

Plant	Length	Width
beans	54 yards	22 yards
corn	96 yards	27 yards
squash	125 yards	31 yards

Perimeter

Area

beans \_\_\_\_\_  
corn \_\_\_\_\_  
squash \_\_\_\_\_



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5. Stormy weighed 123 pounds when he was found. His weight doubled by age one. How much did he weigh then? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Stormy weighed ten times more at age 12 than at age one. How much did he weigh at age 12? \_\_\_\_\_

Use the table to answer questions 7–8.

7. How many pounds did Stormy pick in all?

in 1 day: \_\_\_\_\_

in 1 week: \_\_\_\_\_

8. How many ounces of each food did Stormy pick in one day? (One pound equals 16 ounces.)

beans: \_\_\_\_\_

corn: \_\_\_\_\_

squash: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Stormy Picked Each Day**

Food	Weight
beans	29 pounds
corn	38 pounds
squash	33 pounds

9. Stormy cooked 432 ounces of beans. Write that weight in pounds.

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10. Stormy had 39 toothpicks. One toothpick weighed 3 pounds.

How much did his toothpicks weigh in all?

in pounds: \_\_\_\_\_ in ounces: \_\_\_\_\_

11. The crew used 54 bars of soap on Stormy’s ship. Each bar weighed 19 pounds.

How many pounds of soap did the crew use?

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Each crew member used 38 pounds of soap. Write that weight in ounces.

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# Answers

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1. 50 feet; 126 square feet
2. 22 feet; 30 square feet
3. 34 feet; 30 square feet
4. beans: 152 yards; 1,188 square yards  
corn: 246 yards; 2,592 square yards  
squash: 312 yards; 3,875 square yards

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5. 246 pounds
6. 2,460 pounds
7. 100 pounds/day; 700 pounds/week
8. beans: 464 ounces  
corn: 608 ounces  
squash: 528 ounces
9. 27 pounds
10. 117 pounds; 1,872 ounces
11. 1,026 pounds; 608 ounces