

A wallpaper of 312cm long and 25cm wide is used to cover the walls of a room of length 7m. If the breadth is twice its height, then find its height.

Solution:

Let the height of the room be h , then its breadth is $2h$.

Area of the walls of the room is

$$A = 2lh + 2bh$$

$$l = 7 \text{ m}, b = 2h$$

$$A_1 = (14h + 4h^2) \text{ m}^2$$

Area of the wallpaper is

$$A_2 = 3.12 * 0.25 = 0.78 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_1 = A_2$$

$$14h + 4h^2 = 0.78$$

$$2h^2 + 7h - 0.39 = 0$$

$$h = 0.055 \text{ m}$$

It is not possible, so input data were not correct.

If we will take wallpaper being 3120 inch long and 25 inch wide, then

$$A_2 = 3120 * 25 = 78000 \text{ inch}^2 = 50.32 \text{ m}^2$$

$$4h^2 + 14h - 50.32 = 0$$

$$h = 2.2 \text{ m}$$

Answer: The height of a room is 2.2 m.