2. Identify the given values:

- Area $A = 450 \, \text{cm}^2$
- Height $h=15\,\mathrm{cm}$

3. Substitute the known values into the area formula:

$$450 = \frac{1}{2} \times (a+b) \times 15$$

4. Simplify the equation:

First, multiply both sides by 2 to eliminate the fraction:

$$900 = (a+b) \times 15$$

Now, divide both sides by 15:

$$a+b=\frac{900}{15}$$

5. Calculate a + b:

$$a+b=60\,\mathrm{cm}$$