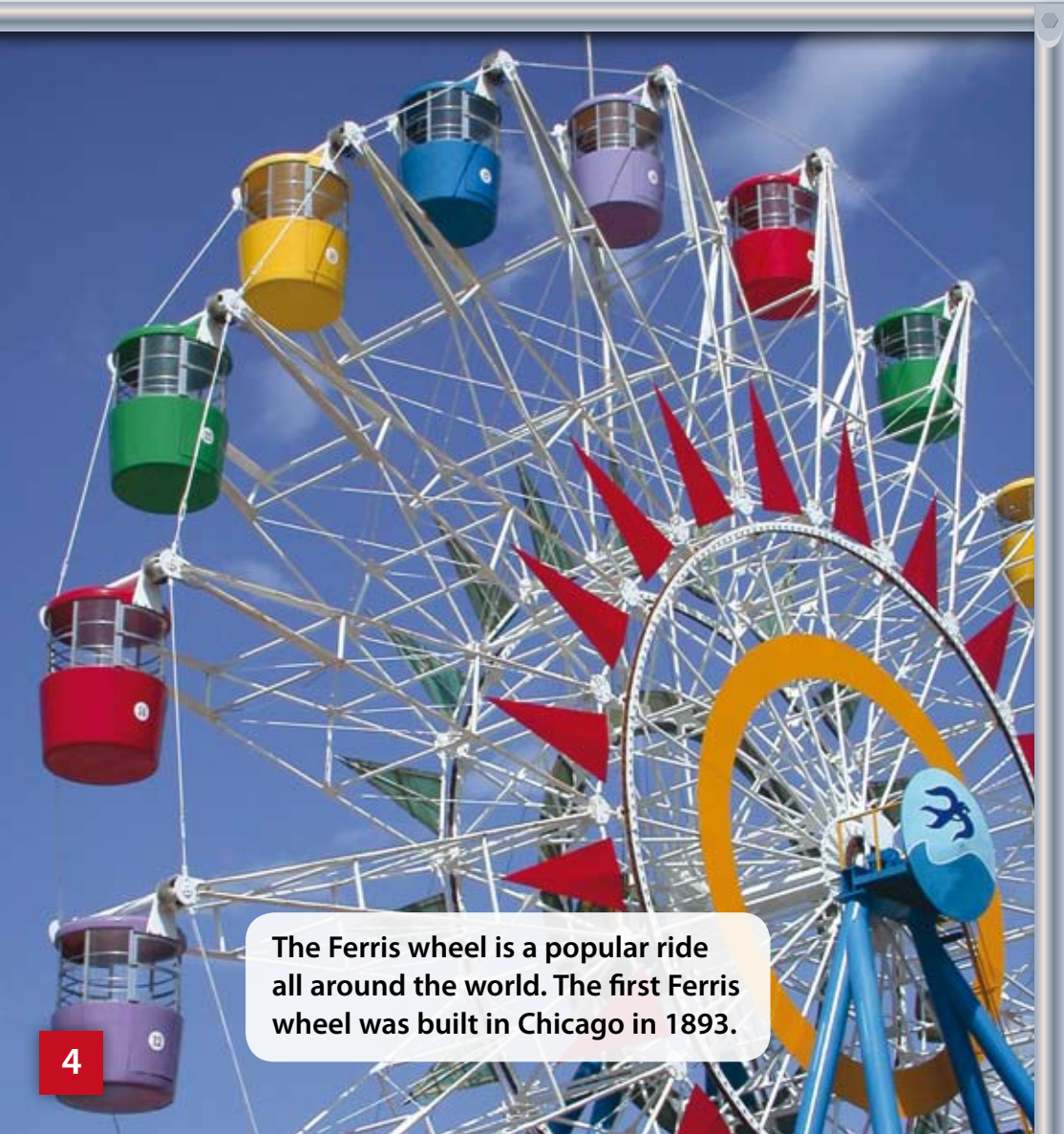


# Amusement Parks

Amusement parks are lots of fun. They have rides, games, and other entertainment. There are different kinds of amusement parks. Some are small with only a few rides. Some are huge and have themes. Each park is carefully planned to fit a certain **area**.



The Ferris wheel is a popular ride all around the world. The first Ferris wheel was built in Chicago in 1893.



This amusement park has many amazing rides.

**Designers** (duh-ZINE-erz) plan buildings and gardens to make theme parks look good. Theme parks are designed to give visitors lots of fun and also to keep them safe. Theme parks must be carefully planned so that all the **attractions** (uh-TRAK-shuhns) will fit. Each of these attractions must be carefully designed, too.

## Long-lasting Fun

The oldest amusement park in the world is in Denmark. People originally visited Bakken to drink its natural spring water more than 400 years ago. Today, this park has rides, performers, and places for eating.





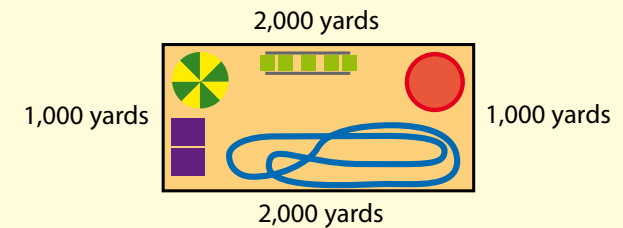
# History of Amusement Parks

The first amusement parks began in Europe in the 1500s. They were called pleasure gardens. This is because there were many attractions that made people happy. There was music, games, and rides. There were also flower gardens, fountains, and stage shows. In the 1600s, many of the pleasure gardens shut down.

Amusement parks were not popular again until the 1800s. Parks started to make roller coasters. The first roller coaster in the United States was built in Coney Island. It opened in 1884.

## LET'S EXPLORE MATH

This amusement park is shaped like a rectangle.



- Use the **dimensions** shown to find the **perimeter** of this park.
- Explain another way you could have found the perimeter.

People liked going to Coney Island because there were fun attractions and they could also swim.