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## QUESTION:

A chessboard is 8 squares by 8 squares. How many squares are there on a chessboard? (clue: it's not 64!)

## ANSWER:

- The diagram below shows that there are indeed 64 squares, you there are also some more...

- Don't forget the one large square (shown in red here)...

- And, also the 16 two-by-two squares shown below (although these aren't the only 2x2 squares!)...

- There are many more different-sized squares on the chessboard.

The complete list of answers is shown below:

| $1,8 \times 8$ square |
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| $4,7 \times 7$ squares |
| $9,6 \times 6$ squares |
| $16,5 \times 5$ squares |
| $25,4 \times 4$ squares |
| $36,3 \times 3$ squares |
| $49,2 \times 2$ squares |
| $64,1 \times 1$ squares |

Therefore, there are actually $64+49+36+25+16+9+4+1$ squares on a chessboard! (in total 204).

