

learning focus:

- ✓ describe 2D figures that result from slicing 3D figures
- ✓ determine the volume of prisms
- ✓ understand and apply volume of rectangular and triangular prisms to real-world situations

VOLUME UNIT

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Student Handout 1

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CROSS SECTIONS OF 3D FIGURES

Mac and Jack are each chopping a log shaped like a cylinder to build a campfire. Use the cylinders representing each log below to answer a and b.

a. Mac chops a log in half and the 2D shape he sees is a circle. Sketch a line to show where Mac might have made a cut in his log.

b. Jack chops a log in half and the 2D shape he sees is a rectangle. Sketch a line to show where Jack might have made a cut in his log.

CROSS SECTIONS

- A _____
- The shape of the 2D cross section is a _____.
- A figure can be sliced to create a cross section that is the same shape as the base, or at an angle.

The direction of the cut and its effect on the shape of the cross section.

PARALLEL TO BASE	PERPENDICULAR TO BASE
The cross section will match the shape of the _____.	The cross section will be a different shape than the base.

In 1-2, describe the direction of the cut and the resulting cross section.

1. DIRECTION: _____

CROSS SECTION: _____

3. For each 3D figure in a-c, sketch the cross section based on the given direction of the cut.

	PARALLEL TO BASE	PERPENDICULAR TO BASE	AT AN ANGLE
A. RECTANGULAR PRISM			
B. RECTANGULAR PYRAMID			
C. CUBE			

4. Three students each sliced one of the 3D figures shown at the right. Use the clues below to write the name of the student under their figure.

Harper and Randy will have the same cross section shape if they each cut perpendicular to the base of their figure.

5. Antoinette sliced the square pyramid shown at the right.

a. Describe the direction of the cut and the resulting cross section.

b. Give an example of another 3D figure that would result in the same cross section.

Summarize today's lesson: _____

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Homework 1

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CROSS SECTIONS OF 3D FIGURES

Solve each question. Use the letter of each correct answer choice to fill in the corresponding blank(s) of the riddle at the bottom.

1. Which is true about the cross section shown?
I. The cut is parallel to the base.
J. The cross section is a triangle.
K. Both A and B.
L. Neither A nor B.

2. Tony wants to cut the square prism shown in order to create a cross section that is a square. Which direction should he make the cut?
A. Parallel to the base
B. Perpendicular to the base
C. At a diagonal angle
D. Any of the above would work

3. Which of the following could be a possible cross section of a cylinder?
L. A circle
M. An oval
N. A rectangle
O. All of the above

4. Deena is going to slice a triangular prism. If she makes the cut perpendicular to the base, what shape will the cross section be?
A. A triangle
B. A square
C. A rectangle
D. None of the above

5. Scout wants to cut the square pyramid shown to create a cross section that is a triangle. Which direction should she make the cut?
D. Parallel to the base
E. Perpendicular to the base
F. Both choices above would work
G. Neither choice above would work

6. Which is true about the cross section shown?
Q. The cut is parallel to the base.
R. The cut is perpendicular to the base.
S. Both A and B.
T. Neither A nor B.

7. Nina cut a 3D figure perpendicular to the base and the resulting cross section was a rectangle. Which could NOT have been the 3D figure?
F. A rectangular prism
G. A triangular prism
H. A rectangular pyramid
I. A cylinder

8. A cut parallel to the base of the cube shown would have the same cross section as a cut parallel to the base of which figure?
M. A square pyramid
N. A triangular pyramid
O. A cone
P. A cylinder

WHAT IS AN INSECT'S FAVORITE SUBJECT?
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8 3 6 7 5 8 2 6 1 4

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streamline your planning
process with unit overviews

- ✓ key vocabulary
- ✓ vertical alignment

sample
pacing
calendar

VOLUME OVERVIEW 

STANDARDS


7.G.6 Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume, and surface area of two- and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms.

BIG IDEAS


- The volume of a 3D figure is
- Formulas can be used to find

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

- How are the volumes of a re
- The formulas for finding the process is different. Explain

VOLUME PACING GUIDE 

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Cross Sections of 3D Figures	Volume of Rectangular Prisms	Volume of Triangular Prisms	Volume of Prisms Quiz	3D Composite Figures
Student Handout 1 Homework 1	Student Handout 2 Homework 2			
DAY 6	DAY 7			
Volume Application	Volume Unit Study Guide			
Student Handout 5 Homework 5	Unit Study Guide			

VOLUME OVERVIEW 

TOPIC	TEACHING TIPS
Rectangular Prisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since volume is the space that a 3D object occupies, there are lots of great hands-on options. From a rubix cube to filling an object with unit cubes, have students explore with their hands.• Search www.pbslearningmedia.org for "Volume of Prisms" to find a few short videos to share.• Students struggle to understand that "B" represents the area of the base. I liked to have students sketch the base in each and every problem. Then, sketch the base separate with its dimensions. This helped students to remember to find the area of the base, rather than just using the measurement of the base.• Although many students want to use $V = lwh$, try to encourage the use of $V = Bh$ for future lessons.
Triangular Prisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using a rectangular prism and a triangular prism with the same height and base measurements, ask students to predict how many triangular prisms can fit inside a rectangular prism. Help connect the B in each formula to the area of each base.
Composite Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a great lesson for using unit cubes or other snapping cubes. Students can build various figures and then determine the area of the figure. Students need to be able to understand that even if a portion of the figure is not shown in the picture, it is still a part of the figure and therefore counted in the volume.

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ideas 

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unit study guide + assessments

✓ quizzes

✓ editable unit test

Unit: Volume Quiz 1

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QUIZ: VOLUME OF PRISMS

Answer the questions below. Be sure to show your work.

1. If the rectangular pyramid is sliced perpendicular to the base, which describes the resulting shape of the cross section?

A. A trapezoid
B. A triangle
C. Both A and B are possible
D. Neither A nor B is possible

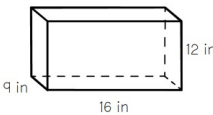
2. Which is a true statement about the cross section shown?

A. The cut was made parallel to the base.
B. The cross section shape is a circle.
C. Both A and B are true.
D. Neither A nor B is true.

3. Elliott is finding the volume of the triangular prism. The following equations will give him the correct volume.

A. $V = 30(12)$ B. $V = 15(12)$

4. What is the volume of the prism below?



A. $1,728 \text{ in}^3$
B. 300 in^3
C. $1,252 \text{ in}^3$
D. 864 in^3

Answers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Unit: Volume Review


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VOLUME UNIT STUDY GUIDE

Solve each of the problems below. These represent the types of questions on your test. Be sure to ask questions if you need more help with a topic.

I CAN DESCRIBE THE 2D FIGURES THAT RESULT FROM SLICING 3D FIGURES.

1. Describe the direction of the slice and the resulting 2D figure of the cross section.



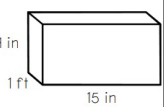
2. Max is going to slice a cylinder. State the direction he should slice the cylinder in order to get a circular cross section.

3. Sofia is going to slice the square pyramid shown. Describe the shape of the cross section based on the direction of her slice.

a. Parallel to the base:
b. Perpendicular to the base:

I CAN DETERMINE THE VOLUME OF RECTANGULAR PRISMS.

5. The copy paper is delivered to school in a box with the dimensions shown.



Area of the base: _____
Height of the prism: _____
Volume of the prism: _____

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UNIT NINE: ANSWER KEYS

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answer keys included 