

Varied Fluency

Step 8: Recognise and Describe 3D Shapes

National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 3: (3G3b) [Make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and describing the number of edges, vertices and faces in cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres, cones and square based pyramids, as well as describing their faces.

Expected Questions to support recognising and describing the number of edges, vertices and faces in cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres, cones, triangular and square based pyramids and triangular prisms, as well as describing their faces.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and describing the number of edges, vertices and faces in cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres, cones and pyramids and prisms including more complex pyramids and prisms, as well as describing their faces. Some shapes may be presented in different orientations.

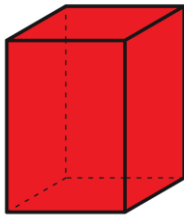
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1a. True or false?

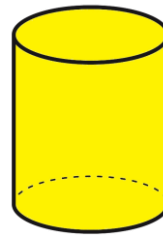


A cuboid has 8 faces.



VF

1b. True or false?

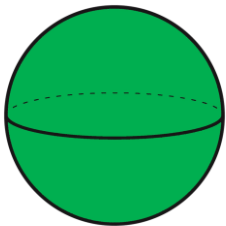


A cylinder has 2 vertices.



VF

2a. Tick the statements which relate to the shape.



2 surfaces

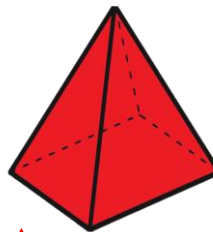
1 vertex

It is a sphere



VF

2b. Tick the statements which relate to the shape.



5 vertices

4 faces

8 edges



VF

3a. Circle the shapes that have a curved surface.

cylinder

cuboid

sphere



VF

3b. Circle the shapes that have at least one square face.

square based pyramid

cube

cone



VF

4a. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the statements below.

number of edges on a cube

number of faces on a cylinder

number of vertices on a cone

number of faces on a cube



VF

4b. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the statements below.

number of edges on a square based pyramid

number of edges on a sphere

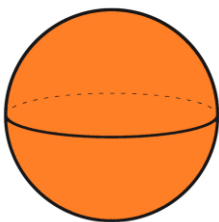
number of edges on a cuboid

number of edges on a cube



VF

5a. True or false?

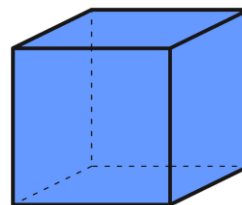


A sphere has
no edges.



VF

5b. True or false?

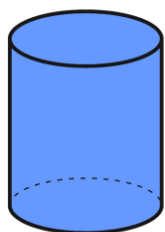


A cube has 8
faces.



VF

6a. Tick the statements which relate to
the shape.



2 edges

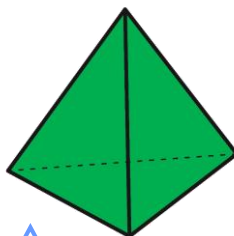
1 surface

3 faces



VF

6b. Tick the statements which relate to
the shape.



6 edges

4 faces

5 vertices



VF

7a. Circle the shapes that have more
than 5 edges.

cuboid

sphere

cube



VF

7b. Circle the shapes that have fewer
than 7 vertices.

cube

cone

square
based
pyramid



VF

8a. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the
statements below.

number of
vertices on a
cube

number of
faces on a
cube

number of
edges on a
cylinder

number of
vertices on a
sphere



VF

8b. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the
statements below.

number of
vertices on a
square based
pyramid

number of
edges on a
cone

number of
faces on a
cuboid

number of
edges on a
triangular
based pyramid

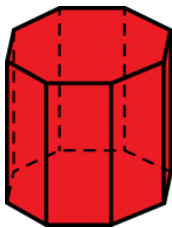


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9a. True or false?

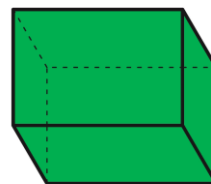


An octagonal prism has 24 edges.



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9b. True or false?

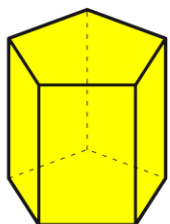


A cuboid has 6 vertices.



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10a. Tick the statements which relate to the shape.



12 vertices

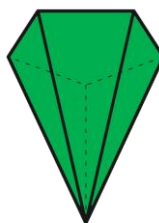
7 faces

It is a pentagonal prism



VF

10b. Tick the statements which relate to the shape.



10 edges

7 vertices

It is a pentagonal based pyramid



VF

11a. Circle the shapes that have the same number of edges as a cuboid.

triangular prism

tetrahedron

cube



VF

11b. Circle the shapes that have between 2 and 7 triangular faces.

hexagonal pyramid

cone

triangular prism



VF

12a. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the statements below.

number of faces in three cubes

number of edges in a hexagonal pyramid

number of curved edges in three cylinders

number of faces in a cube



VF

12b. Use $>$, $<$ or $=$ to complete the statements below.

number of edges on a pentagonal prism

number of edges on a cuboid

number of triangular faces on a square based pyramid

number of vertices in six cones



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Developing

- 1a. False, a cuboid has 6 faces.
- 2a. It is a sphere
- 3a. Cylinder, sphere
- 4a. > and <

Expected

- 5a. True
- 6a. 2 edges, 3 faces
- 7a. Cuboid, cube
- 8a. > and >

Greater Depth

- 9a. True
- 10a. 7 faces, it is a pentagonal prism
- 11a. Cube
- 12a. > and =

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Developing

- 1b. False, a cylinder has no vertices.
- 2b. 5 vertices, 8 edges
- 3b. Square based pyramid, cube
- 4b. > and =

Expected

- 5b. False, a cube has 6 faces.
- 6b. 6 edges, 4 faces
- 7b. Cone, square based pyramid
- 8b. > and =

Greater Depth

- 9b. False, a cuboid has 8 vertices.
- 10b. 10 edges, it is a pentagonal based pyramid.
- 11b. Hexagonal pyramid
- 12b. > and <