

Unit **1**

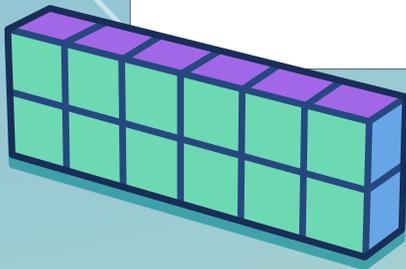
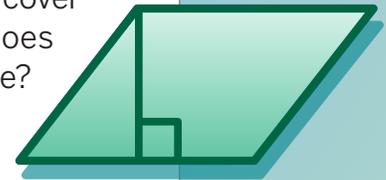
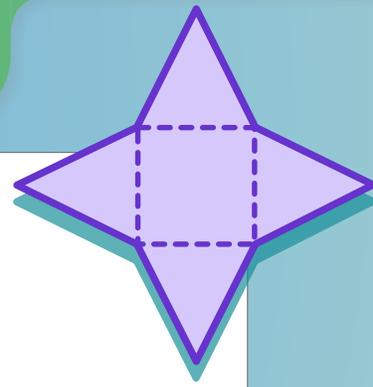
Area and Surface Area

The area of a shape is the amount of space the shape covers. You know the names of many two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes, and have calculated the areas of rectangles.

How can you use what you have learned to cover other two-dimensional shapes? And what does it mean to cover a three-dimensional shape?

Essential Questions

- What does it mean for two shapes to have the same area?
- How are the areas of rectangles, parallelograms, and triangles related?
- How are the surface area of polyhedra and the area of polygons related?

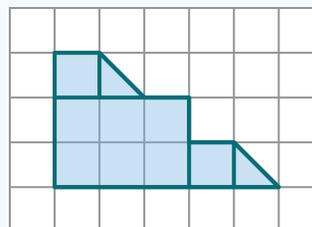


Area measures the space inside a two-dimensional figure and is expressed in square units.

Here are two possible strategies to determine the area of the same shape.

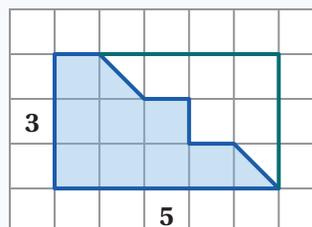
Break the shape into non-overlapping rectangles and triangles.

We can break this shape into a 2-by-3 rectangle, two unit squares, and two triangles to calculate an area of $6 + 2 + 0.5 + 0.5 = 9$ square units.



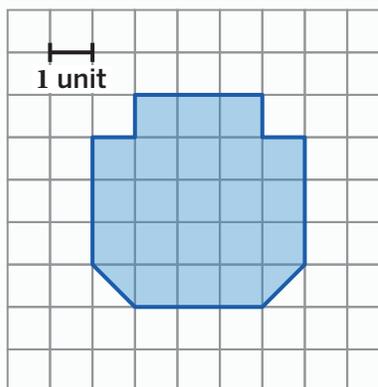
Draw a rectangle around the shape and subtract the empty space.

We can draw a 3-by-5 rectangle around this shape and subtract the empty squares to calculate an area of $15 - 6 = 9$ square units.



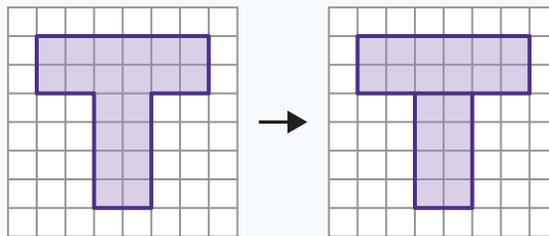
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Determine the area of the shape. Show or explain your thinking.

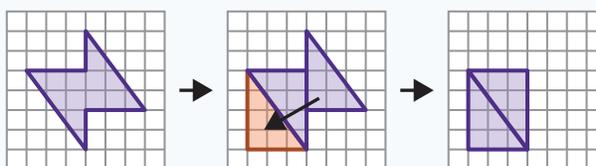


We can use shapes like rectangles, squares, and triangles to help us determine the area of more complex shapes. Here's how!

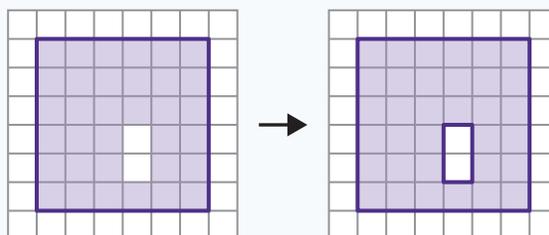
- Decompose the shape into two or more smaller shapes that have areas you know how to calculate.
- Add the smaller areas together.



- Decompose the shape and rearrange the pieces to form one or more other shapes that have areas you know how to calculate.
- Calculate the area of the new, simpler shape(s).

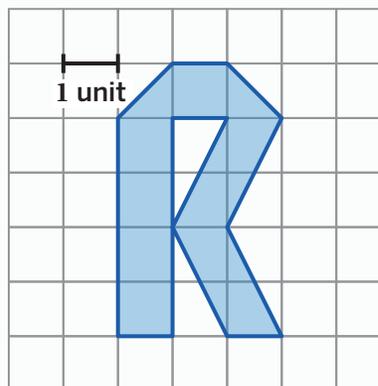


- If your shape has empty areas in it, determine its area as if it were a solid shape.
- Calculate the area of the empty space and subtract it from the total area.



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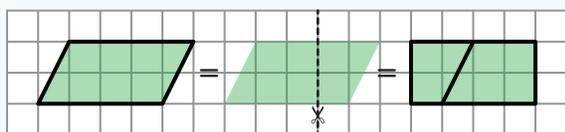


A *quadrilateral* is any shape that has four sides. A **parallelogram** is a type of quadrilateral that has two pairs of parallel sides that are the same length, such as rectangles and squares.

We can use different strategies to determine the area of a parallelogram.

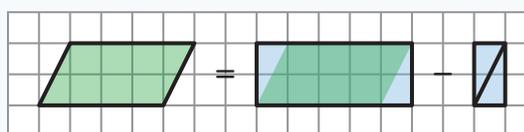
Cut the parallelogram into two pieces and rearrange the pieces to form a rectangle.

The parallelogram's area is equal to the area of the rectangle.



Draw a rectangle around the parallelogram so that it includes two right triangles. Rearrange the two triangles to form a smaller rectangle.

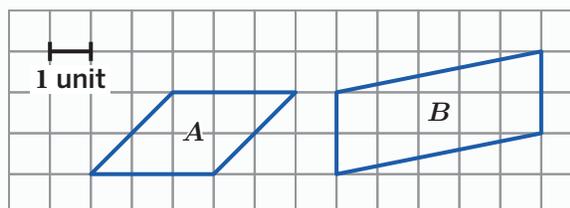
The parallelogram's area is equal to the difference between the areas of the larger rectangle and the smaller rectangle.



Try This

Here are two parallelograms.

a Determine the area of parallelogram *A*.

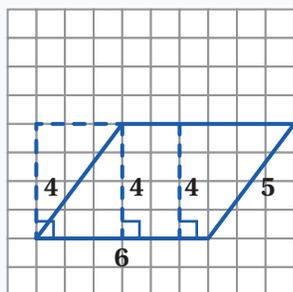


b Determine the area of parallelogram *B*.

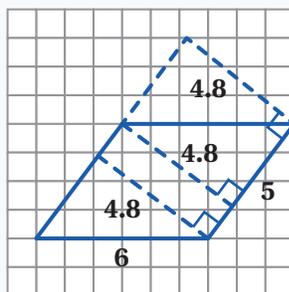
We can determine the area of a parallelogram by multiplying the length of its **base** by the length of its **height**. We can choose any side of a parallelogram to be its base. The height of a parallelogram is the *perpendicular* distance between a point on the base and its opposite side. The height is often shown with a dotted line.

Sometimes, the dotted line representing the height falls *outside* the parallelogram, depending on what part of the base you measure from.

Here's an example of the same parallelogram with different sides selected as the base and different points used to measure the height. Each set of measurements will produce the same area.



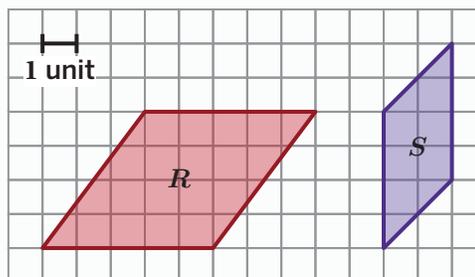
Area = base • height
 $A = 6 \cdot 4$
 $A = 24$ square units



Area = base • height
 $A = 5 \cdot 4.8$
 $A = 24$ square units

Try This

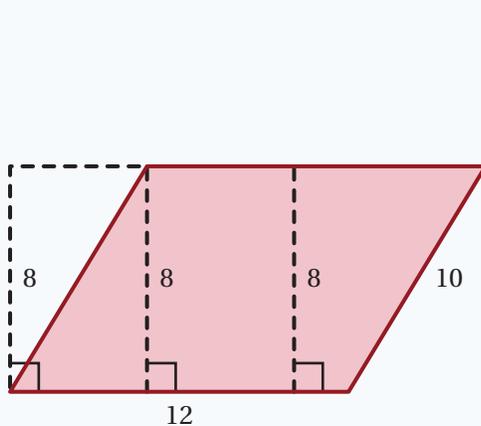
Here are two parallelograms, *R* and *S*. Fill in the table with their bases, heights, and areas.



Parallelogram	Base (units)	Height (units)	Area (sq. units)
<i>R</i>			
<i>S</i>			

We can use a ruler to determine the lengths of the base and height of a parallelogram when it is not presented on a grid with lengths that we can count. No matter which side of a parallelogram you choose as the base, its area will be equal to the product of the length of the base and the length of its matching height.

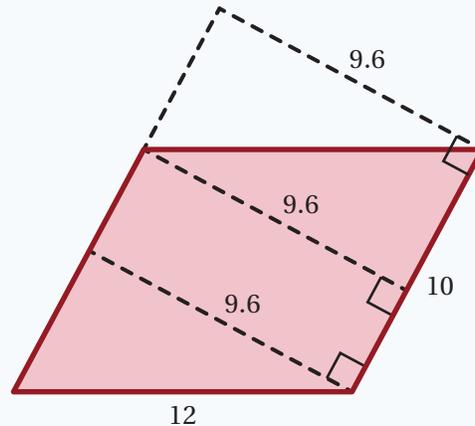
Here's an example of the same parallelogram with different sides selected as the base and different points used to measure the height. Each set of measurements will produce the same area.



Area = base • height

$$A = 12 \cdot 8$$

$$A = 96 \text{ square units}$$



Area = base • height

$$A = 10 \cdot 9.6$$

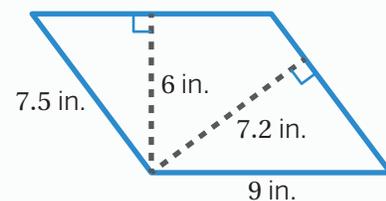
$$A = 96 \text{ square units}$$

Try This

Andrea and Elena are exploring this parallelogram.

- a** Andrea says that 9 inches is the base and 6 inches is the height. Elena says that 7.5 inches is the base and 7.2 inches is the height.

Who do you agree with? Explain your reasoning.

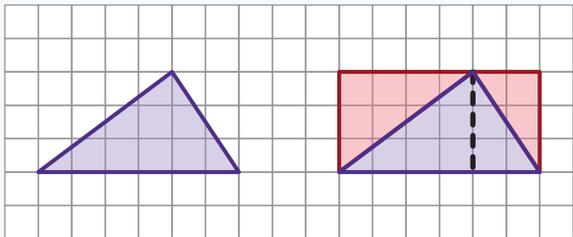
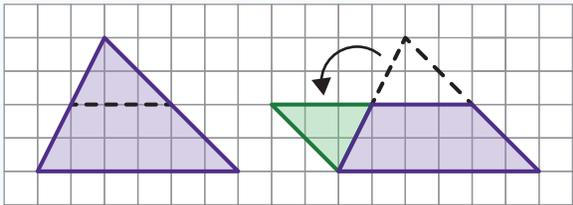
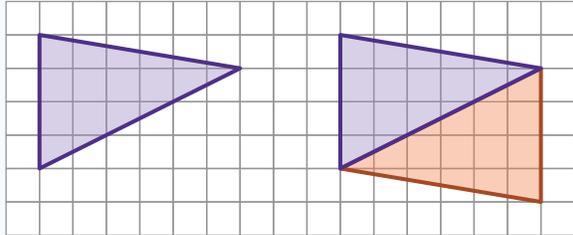


- b** Calculate the area of the parallelogram.

You can use what you know about the area of quadrilaterals to help you determine the area of triangles.

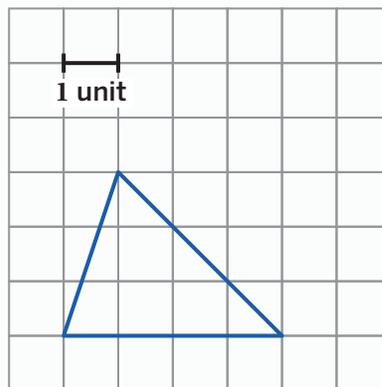
Here are three ways you can use a quadrilateral to help you determine the area of a triangle on a grid.

- Make a copy of the triangle and rearrange the two identical triangles to form a parallelogram.
 - Because the two triangles have the same area, each triangle has an area that is exactly half the area of the parallelogram.
- Cut the triangle and rearrange the pieces to form a parallelogram.
 - Because the triangle and the parallelogram are made up of exactly the same pieces, their areas are equal.
- Enclose the triangle in a large rectangle that can be cut into two smaller rectangles.
 - This also cuts the triangle into two smaller triangles.
 - Each of these smaller triangles has half the area of its enclosed rectangle.
 - The sum of the two smaller triangles' areas is equal to the area of the original triangle.



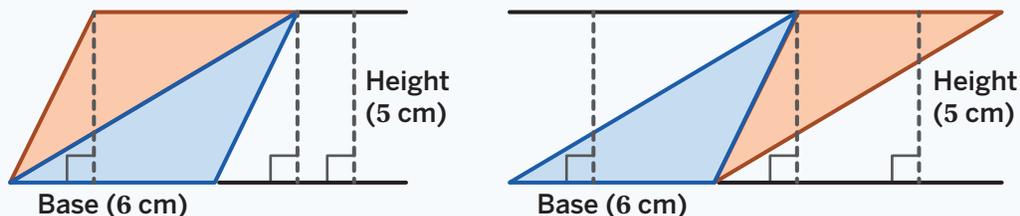
Try This

Determine the area of this triangle. Show or explain your thinking.



You can arrange two identical copies of any triangle in several ways to create a parallelogram with the same base and height measurements. This shows us that the area of a triangle is equal to half the area of its related parallelogram.

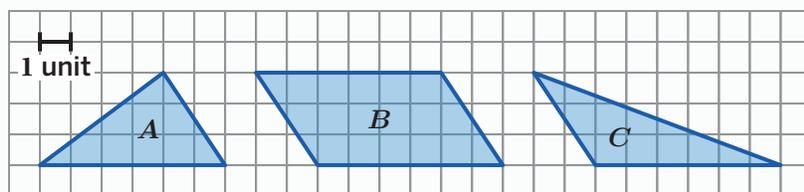
Here are two ways to form a parallelogram using two identical triangles with a base of 6 centimeters and a height of 5 centimeters.



The area of the parallelogram is $A = 6 \cdot 5 = 30$ square centimeters. Since the area of the triangle is half the area of the parallelogram, we can determine that the area of the triangle is 15 square centimeters.

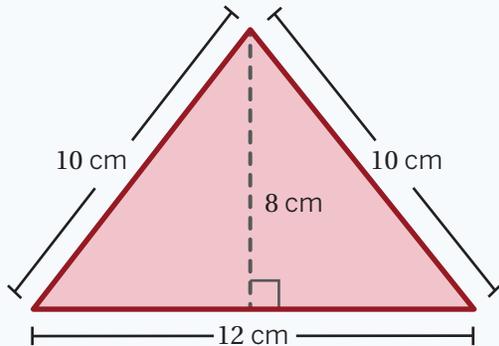
Try This

Here are three shapes. Fill in the table with the base, height, and area of each shape.



Shape	Base (units)	Height (units)	Area (sq. units)
<i>A</i>			
<i>B</i>			
<i>C</i>			

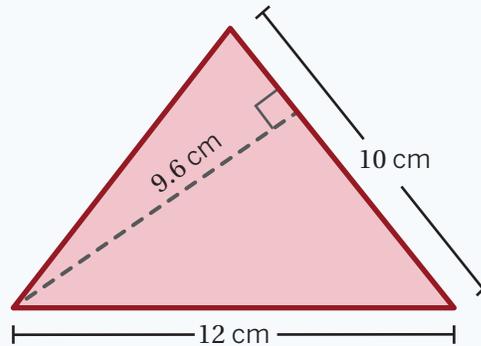
The area of any triangle is equal to half of the product of its base and height. You can select any side of the triangle to be the base. The height of a triangle is the perpendicular distance between a point on the base and the opposite corner of the triangle. The height is often shown with a dotted line.



$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(12)(8)$$

$$A = 48 \text{ square centimeters}$$



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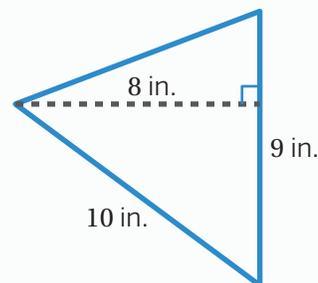
$$A = \frac{1}{2}(10)(9.6)$$

$$A = 48 \text{ square centimeters}$$

All sides of the triangle can be a base, but some base-height pairs are easier to measure and calculate with.

Try This

Calculate the area of this triangle. Show or explain your thinking.

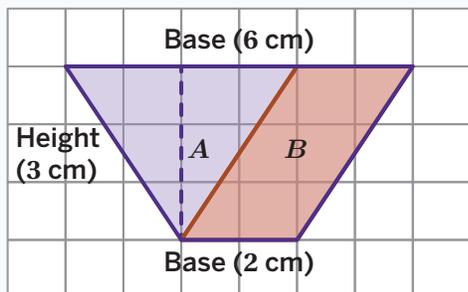


A **polygon** is a closed two-dimensional shape. For any polygon:

- The end of every side connects to the end of another side.
- All sides are straight, not curved.
- The sides do not cross each other.

You can use shapes that have areas you know how to calculate, like triangles and parallelograms, to help you determine the area of polygons.

Here's an example of two ways a polygon can be cut into triangles and parallelograms to help determine its area.



Area of
Triangle *A*

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 3$$

$$A = 6$$

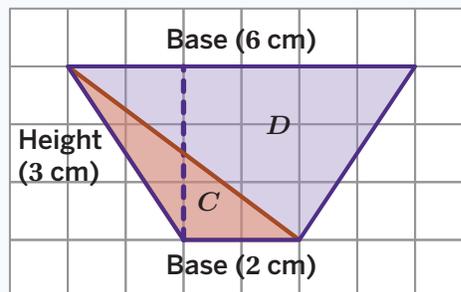
Area of
Parallelogram *B*

$$A = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$A = 6$$

$$\text{Area} = 6 + 6$$

$$\text{Area} = 12 \text{ square centimeters}$$



Area of
Triangle *C*

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

$$A = 3$$

Area of
Triangle *D*

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 3$$

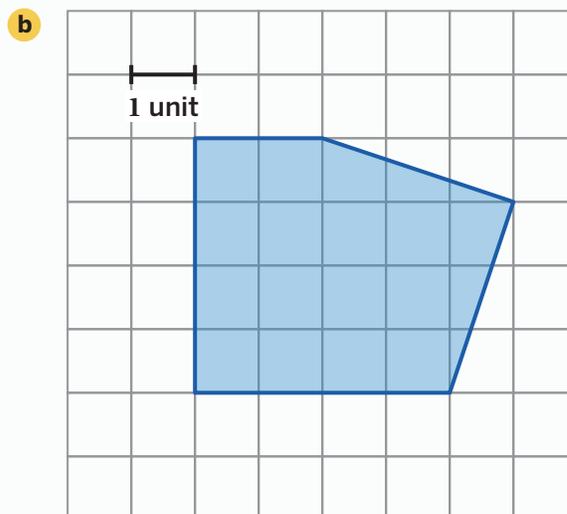
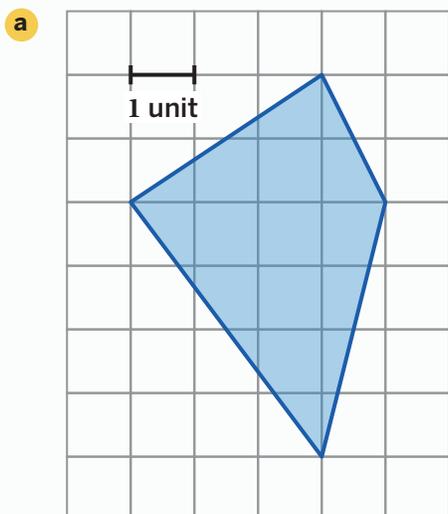
$$A = 9$$

$$\text{Area} = 3 + 9$$

$$\text{Area} = 12 \text{ square centimeters}$$

Try This

Calculate the area of each polygon.



The **surface area** of a rectangular prism is the sum of the areas of its surface. The **volume** of a rectangular prism measures the number of unit cubes that can be packed inside it without gaps or overlaps. Because volume is a three-dimensional measurement, it's measured in cubic units.

Here is a rectangular prism with a surface area of 52 square units and a volume of 24 cubic units.

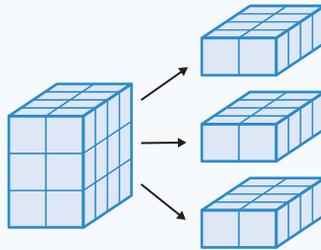
Surface Area

$$(2 \cdot 3) \cdot 2 = 12$$

$$(4 \cdot 3) \cdot 2 = 24$$

$$(2 \cdot 4) \cdot 2 = 16$$

$$12 + 24 + 16 = 52 \text{ square units}$$



Volume

$$8 + 8 + 8 = 24$$

$$24 \text{ cubes} = 24 \text{ cubic units}$$

Try This

- a** Figures *A* and *B* each have a volume of 4 cubic units. Which has a larger surface area?

- A.** Figure *A*
- B.** Figure *B*
- C.** They're the same.

Figure *A*

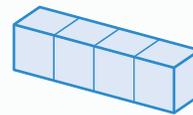
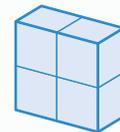
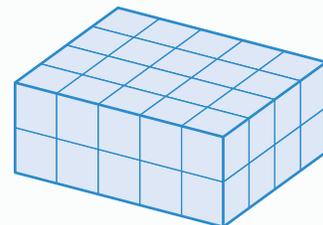


Figure *B*



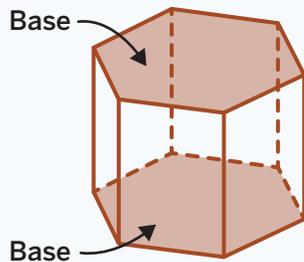
- b** Determine the surface area of this figure.



A **polyhedron** is a closed three-dimensional shape with flat sides. When we have more than one polyhedron, we call them *polyhedra*. Each flat side of a polyhedron is called a **face**, and the face that gives the polyhedron its name is called the **base**.

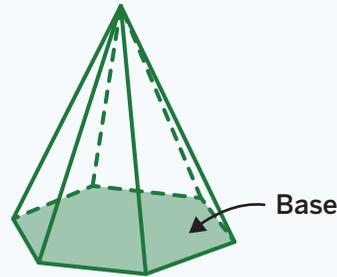
Prisms and pyramids are types of polyhedra.

A **prism** is a polyhedron that has two bases that are identical copies. The bases are connected by rectangles or parallelograms.



Prism

A **pyramid** is a polyhedron in which the base is a polygon. All the other faces are triangles that meet at a single point.



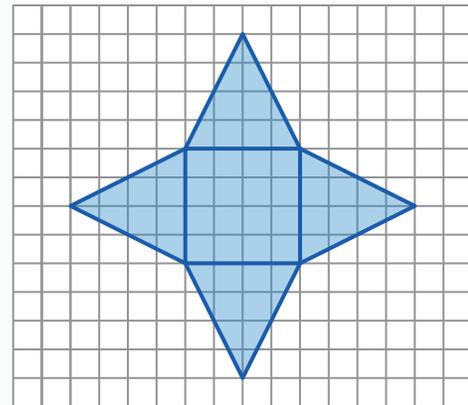
Pyramid

A **net** is a two-dimensional figure that can be folded to make a polyhedron. Nets show us what a polyhedron would look like if it was “unfolded” and allow us to see each face at the same time.

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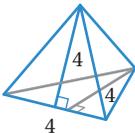
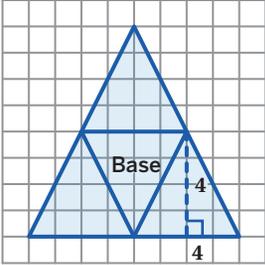
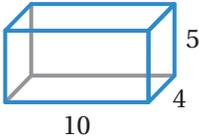
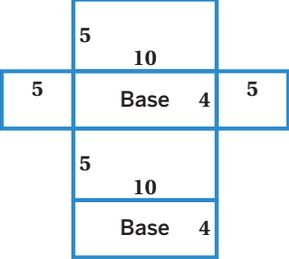
If this net were folded, would it make a pyramid, prism, or neither?

Explain your thinking.



We can draw a net to create a two-dimensional representation of a three-dimensional figure. We can use the net to help us determine the surface area of a polyhedron because it shows every face at once.

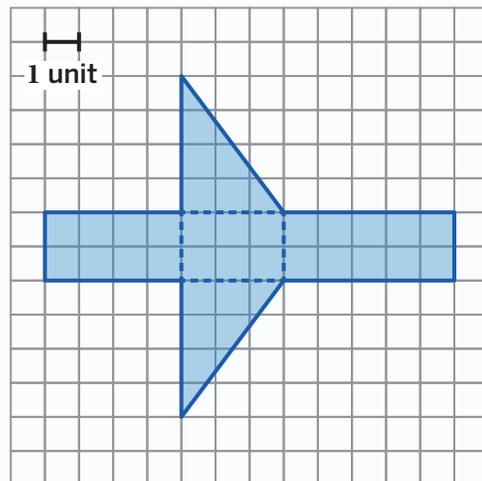
Here are some examples of how a net can help us find the surface area of a pyramid or a prism.

Polyhedron	Net	Surface Area
<p>Triangular pyramid</p> 		$4\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 4\right) = 32 \text{ square units}$
<p>Rectangular prism</p> 		$2(4 \cdot 10) + 2(4 \cdot 5) + 2(5 \cdot 10) = 220 \text{ square units}$

Try This

Here is a net.

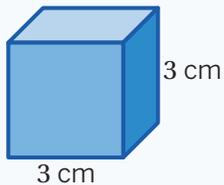
- What polyhedron will this net create when folded?
- What is its surface area?



The surface area of any polyhedron is the total area of all the individual faces. Drawing a net or sketching individual faces can help us make sense of and keep track of calculations.

We can group identical faces together to reduce the number of steps in our calculations. For example, a cube is made of 6 identical faces, so we can determine the area of one face and multiply by 6 to determine the total surface area.

Here's an example.



One Face

$$3 \cdot 3 = 9$$

All Faces

$$9 \cdot 6 = 54$$

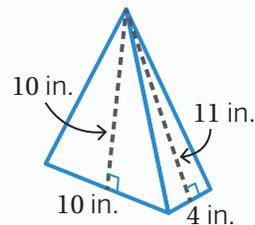
Surface Area

54 square centimeters

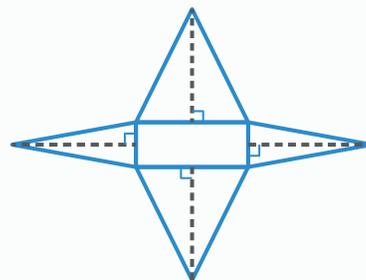
Try This

Here is a rectangular pyramid and its net.

- a** Label the net with the measurements of each face.



- b** Calculate the surface area.



To-go containers and reusable plastic food containers are examples of polyhedra that we see in everyday life.

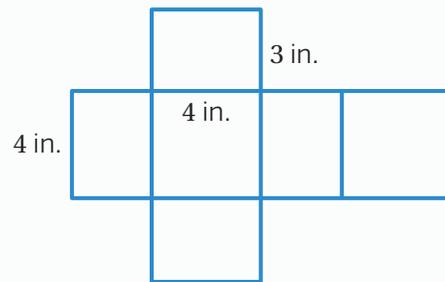
Mathematical modeling can help us design everyday objects, such as to-go containers. To do this, we need to:

- Know the size and shape of the food item that will be placed in the container.
- Decide on the shape of the container.
- Make sure that the container will be big enough to hold the food item, without being too big.
- Know how much material we need to make the container. That's where surface area comes in handy!

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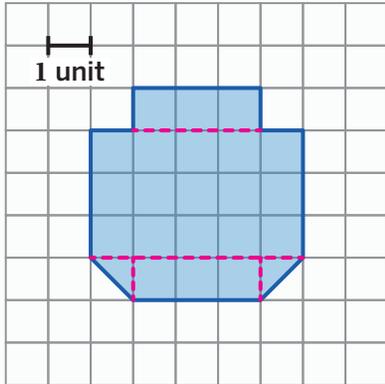
Here is a design for a possible to-go container.

- Describe a food that might fit in this container.
- Calculate how much material you would need to make the container.

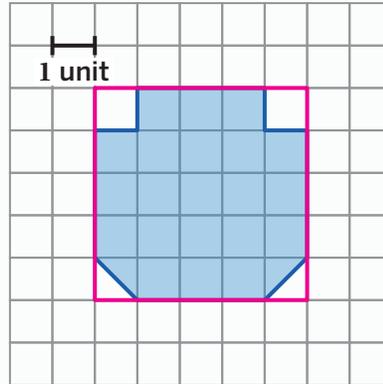


Lesson 1

22 square units. Here are two strategies for determining the area:



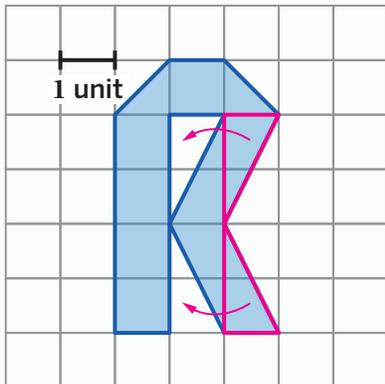
$$3 + 3 + 0.5 + 0.5 + 15 = 22 \text{ square units}$$



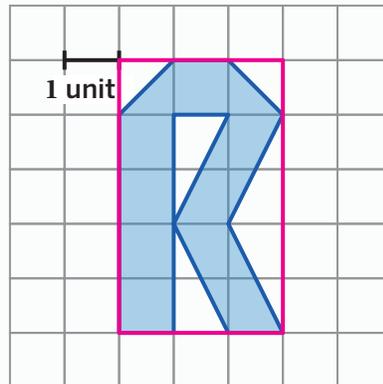
$$5 \cdot 5 - (2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0.5) = 22 \text{ square units}$$

Lesson 2

10 square units. Here are two strategies for determining the area:



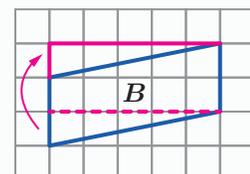
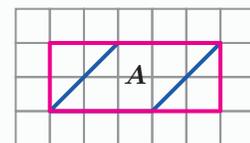
Count all of the whole squares (5) and half squares ($0.5 + 0.5$). Then move the two triangles on the right over to create two rectangles that each have an area of 2 square units. When you add these, the area is $5 + 0.5 + 0.5 + 2 + 2 = 10$ square units.



Draw a box around the shape and calculate the area, which is $5 \cdot 3 = 15$ square units. Then subtract the area of the unshaded parts from this area; $15 - 5 = 10$ square units.

Lesson 3

- 6 square units. One strategy is to draw a rectangle around the parallelogram and find its area, which is 10 square units. Then, subtract the areas of the pieces inside the rectangle that are not part of the parallelogram to get $10 - 4 = 6$ square units.
- 10 square units. One strategy is to move the triangle at the bottom up to create a rectangle, then calculate the area of the rectangle. The area of the rectangle is $2 \cdot 5 = 10$ square units.



Lesson 4

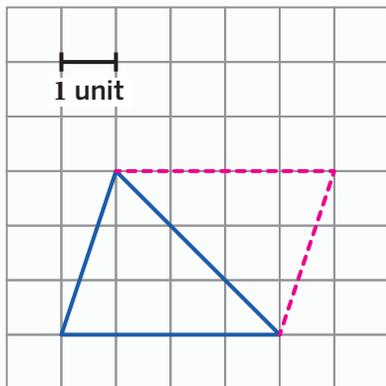
Parallelogram	Base (units)	Height (units)	Area (sq. units)
<i>R</i>	5	4	20
<i>S</i>	4	2	8

Lesson 5

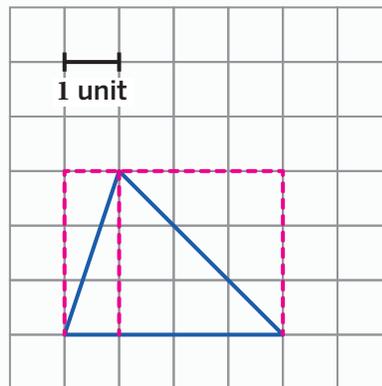
- a *Responses vary.* Andrea and Elena are both correct. They picked different sides as the base of the parallelogram, but each chose a height that is perpendicular to the base they chose.
- b 54 square inches. Using Andrea's base and height, $9 \cdot 6 = 54$. Using Elena's base and height, $7.5 \cdot 7.2 = 54$.

Lesson 6

6 square units. Here are two strategies for determining the area:



Create a parallelogram with the same base and height as the triangle. The area of this parallelogram is $3 \cdot 4 = 12$ square units. The area of the triangle is half as much, 6 square units.



Split the triangle into two triangles so that each is half of a rectangle. The area of the original triangle is $\frac{1 \cdot 3}{2} + \frac{3 \cdot 3}{2}$, or $1.5 + 4.5 = 6$ square units.

Lesson 7

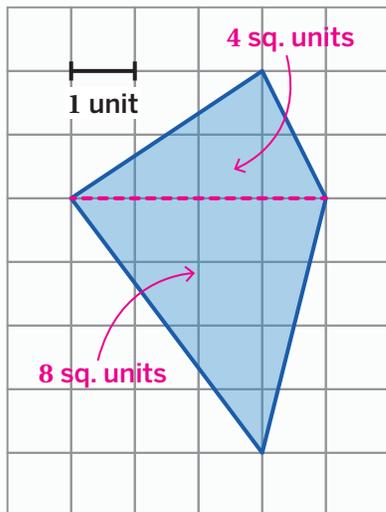
Shape	Base (units)	Height (units)	Area (sq. units)
<i>A</i>	6	3	9
<i>B</i>	6	3	18
<i>C</i>	6	3	9

Lesson 8

36 square units. First, multiply $9 \cdot 8 = 72$. Then, $\frac{72}{2} = 36$.

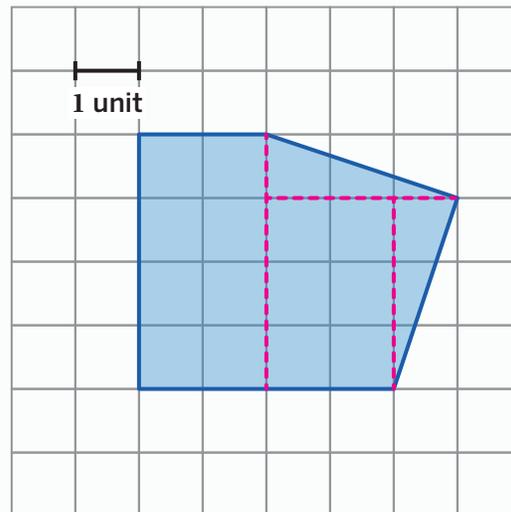
Lesson 9

a 12 square units



One strategy is to break the shape into two triangles and find the area of each. Then add these areas, so $4 + 8 = 12$ square units.

b 17 square units



We can break the shape into two rectangles and two triangles and find the area of each shape. Then add all the areas, so $8 + 6 + 1.5 + 1.5 = 17$ square units.

Lesson 10

a Figure *A*. The surface area of Figure *A* is 18 square units. The surface area of Figure *B* is 16 square units.

b 76 square units. The figure has 6 faces. Two faces have an area of $2 \cdot 5 = 10$ square units. Two faces have an area of $4 \cdot 5 = 20$ square units. Two faces have an area of $4 \cdot 2 = 8$ square units. Together, the total area of all the faces is $2 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 20 + 2 \cdot 8 = 76$ square units.

Lesson 11

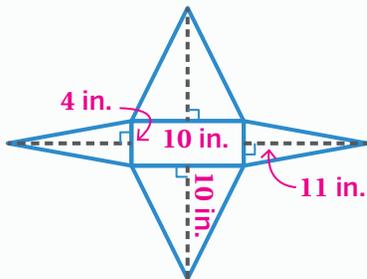
Pyramid. The net has one base. All the other faces are triangles that would meet at a vertex if it were folded.

Lesson 12

- a Triangular prism. The net shows two triangular faces that are identical copies. Those are the two bases of the prism, and all the other faces are rectangles.
- b 36 square units. One strategy is to add the areas of each face. The three rectangles have areas of 8, 6, and 10 square units. Each triangle has an area of 6 square units. Together the sum of the areas is $8 + 6 + 10 + 6 + 6 = 36$ square units.

Lesson 13

a



- b 184 square inches. One strategy is to add the areas of each face. The base has an area of $10 \cdot 4 = 40$ square inches. There are two triangular faces with an area of $\frac{10 \cdot 10}{2} = 50$ square inches and two triangular faces with an area of $\frac{11 \cdot 4}{2} = 22$ square inches. Altogether, $40 + 2 \cdot 50 + 2 \cdot 22 = 184$ square inches.

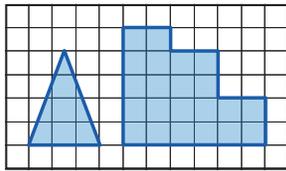
Lesson 14

- a Responses vary. A hamburger might fit in this box.
- b 80 square inches of material. This is the same as calculating surface area. There are two faces that are $4 \cdot 4 = 16$ square inches and four faces that are $3 \cdot 4 = 12$ square inches, and $2 \cdot 16 + 4 \cdot 12 = 80$ square inches.

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English

area Area measures the space inside a two-dimensional figure. It is expressed in square units.

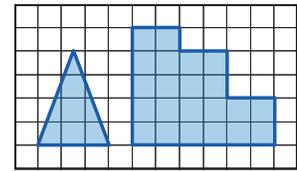


The area of the triangle is 6 square units. The area of the other shape is 22 square units.

A

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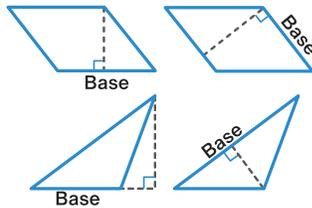
área El área mide el espacio dentro de una figura bidimensional. Se expresa en unidades cuadradas.



El área del triángulo mide 6 unidades cuadradas. El área de la otra figura mide 22 unidades cuadradas.

B

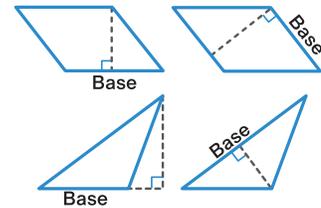
base (of a parallelogram or triangle) One side of a parallelogram or triangle. We can choose any side to be the base.



The base can also refer to the length of this side. The height of a shape is perpendicular to the base.

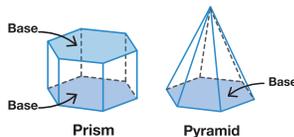
base (de un paralelogramo o triángulo)

Un lado de un paralelogramo o triángulo. Podemos elegir cualquier lado como base.



La base también puede referirse a la longitud de este lado. La altura de una figura es perpendicular a la base.

base (of a pyramid or prism) The face that gives the solid its name.

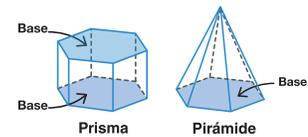


A prism has two identical bases that are parallel. A pyramid has one base.

base (de una pirámide o un prisma)

La cara que da el nombre al cuerpo geométrico.

Un prisma tiene dos bases idénticas que son paralelas. Una pirámide tiene una base.



D

decompose Decompose means “take apart.” We use the word *decompose* to describe taking a figure apart to make more than one new shape.

descomponer Descomponer significa “desmontar.” Usamos la palabra *descomponer* para describir que una figura se desmonta para formar más de una figura nueva.

English

edge Each straight side of a polygon is called an edge. An edge is also a line segment where two faces of a 3-D figure meet.

This parallelogram has four edges.

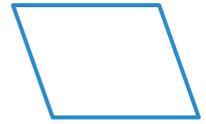


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lado, arista Cada borde recto de un polígono se llama arista o lado. Una arista también es un segmento de recta donde se unen dos caras de una figura tridimensional.

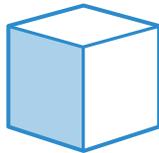
Este paralelogramo tiene cuatro lados.



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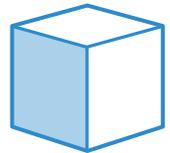
face Each flat side of a polyhedron is called a face.

A cube has six faces and they are all squares.



cara Cada lado plano de un poliedro se llama cara.

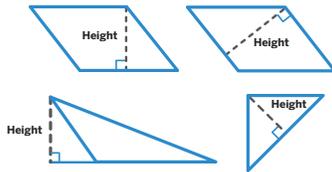
Un cubo tiene seis caras y todas son cuadradas.



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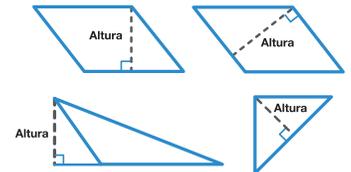
height (of a parallelogram or triangle)

The shortest distance between a base and its opposite side. The height of a triangle is the shortest distance between a base and its opposite vertex. Sometimes the height falls outside the shape. The height is always perpendicular to the base.



altura (de un paralelogramo o triángulo)

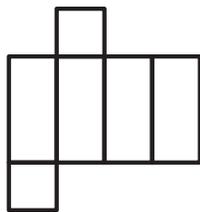
La distancia más corta entre una base y su lado opuesto. La altura de un triángulo es la distancia más corta entre una base y su vértice opuesto. A veces, la altura cae fuera de la figura. La altura siempre es perpendicular a la base.



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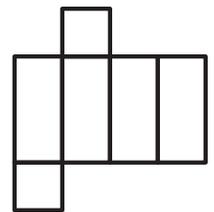
net A two-dimensional representation of a three-dimensional shape. It can be folded to make a polyhedron.

Here is a net for a rectangular prism.



red Una representación bidimensional de una figura tridimensional. Puede plegarse para formar un poliedro.

Esta es una red de un prisma rectangular.



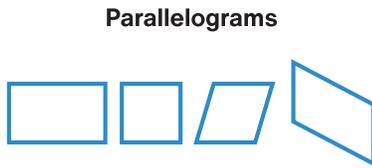
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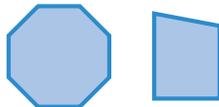
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parallelogram

A quadrilateral that has two pairs of parallel sides. Opposite, or parallel, sides of a parallelogram are the same length.

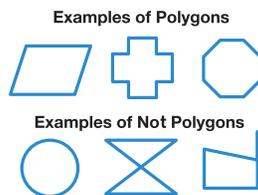


Not Parallelograms

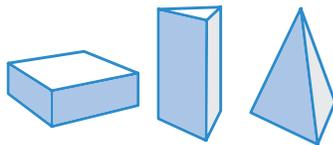


perpendicular Describes a line that crosses or meets another line at a 90° angle.

polygon A closed two-dimensional shape with straight sides that do not cross each other.

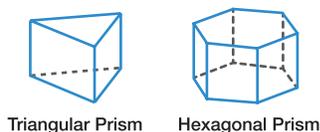


polyhedron A polyhedron is a closed three-dimensional shape with flat sides. The plural of polyhedron is polyhedra. Prisms and pyramids are types of polyhedra.



Here are some drawings of polyhedra.

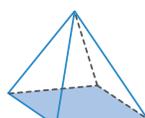
prism A three-dimensional shape, or polyhedron, with two bases that are identical copies.



Triangular Prism

Hexagonal Prism

pyramid A three-dimensional shape, or polyhedron, that has one base. All of the other faces are triangles that meet at a single vertex.



Pyramid

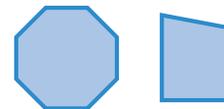
paralelogramo

Un cuadrilátero que tiene dos pares de lados paralelos. Los lados opuestos, o paralelos, de un paralelogramo tienen la misma longitud.

Son paralelogramos

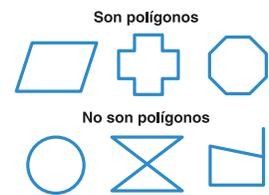


No son paralelogramos

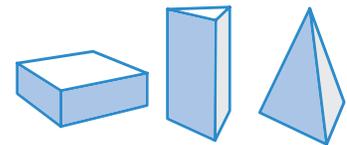


perpendicular Describe una línea que cruza o se une con otra línea formando un ángulo de 90° .

polígono Una figura bidimensional cerrada con lados rectos que no se cruzan.

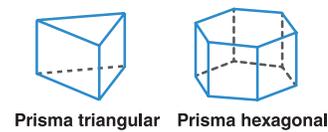


poliedro Un poliedro es una figura tridimensional cerrada con caras planas. En inglés, usamos las palabras polyhedron (singular) y polyhedra (plural). Los prismas y las pirámides son tipos de poliedros.



Estos son algunos dibujos de poliedros.

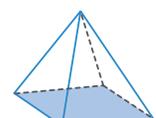
prisma Una figura tridimensional, o poliedro, con dos bases que son copias idénticas.



Prisma triangular

Prisma hexagonal

pirámide Una figura tridimensional, o poliedro, que tiene solo una base. Todas las demás caras son triángulos que se unen en un único vértice.



Pirámide

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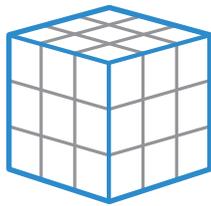
quadrilateral A polygon that has four sides.

Squares, rectangles, and parallelograms are examples of quadrilaterals.

rearrange Change the position of something. We use the word *rearrange* to describe moving pieces of a figure to make a new shape.

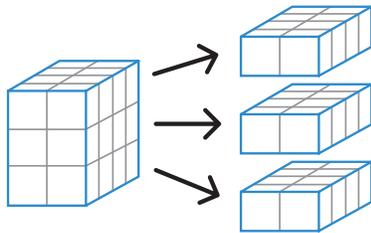
surface area The sum of the areas of a polyhedron's faces.

If the six faces of a cube each have an area of 9 square centimeters, then the surface area of the cube is $6 \cdot 9$, or 54 square centimeters.



volume The number of unit cubes needed to fill a three-dimensional shape without gaps or overlaps.

The volume of this rectangular prism is 24 cubic units because it is composed of 3 layers that are each 8 cubic units.



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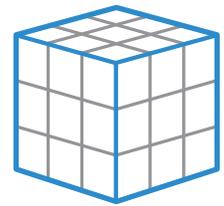
cuadrilátero Un polígono que tiene cuatro lados.

Los cuadrados, rectángulos y paralelogramos son ejemplos de cuadriláteros.

reordenar Cambiar la posición de algo. Usamos la palabra *reordenar* para describir el movimiento de las partes de una figura para formar una nueva figura.

área de superficie La suma de las áreas de sus caras.

Si cada una de las seis caras de un cubo tiene un área de 9 centímetros cuadrados, el área de superficie del cubo mide $6 \cdot 9$, o 54 centímetros cuadrados.



volumen La cantidad de cubos unitarios que se necesitan para llenar una figura tridimensional sin vacíos ni superposiciones.

El volumen de este prisma rectangular es de 24 unidades cúbicas porque se compone de 3 capas de 8 unidades cúbicas cada una.

