

Rectangular Prisms

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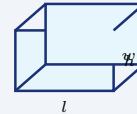
Quick Review and Helpful Hints

A rectangular prism (a box) has length l , width w , and height h . Its *volume* is $V = l \times w \times h$, and its *surface area* is $SA = 2(lw + lh + wh)$. Use cubic units for volume and square units for surface area.

► **Example:** Find the volume of a box with $l = 5$, $w = 3$, and $h = 4$.

Work: Multiply all three dimensions: $V = l \times w \times h = 5 \times 3 \times 4$.

★ **Answer:** 60 cubic units

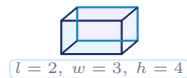


$V = l \times w \times h.$

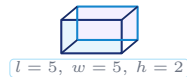
Practice Problems

Use each prism illustration to find the volume or surface area.

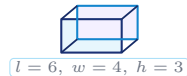
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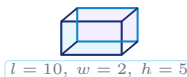
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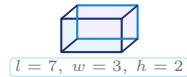
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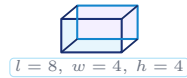
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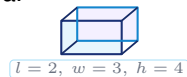
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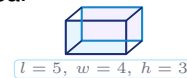
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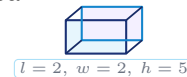
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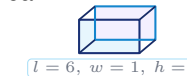
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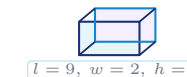
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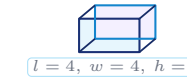
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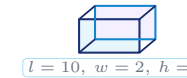
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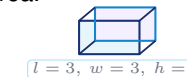
12. Find the volume.



13. Find the surface area.



14. Find the surface area.





◆ Word Problems

15. A shipping box is 12 in long, 6 in wide, and 4 in tall. Find its volume.



$$l = 12, w = 6, h = 4$$

16. An aquarium is 20 cm long, 10 cm wide, and 15 cm tall. How much water (volume) can it hold?



$$l = 20, w = 10, h = 15$$

17. A box is 5 ft by 4 ft by 2 ft. Find the total surface area to know how much cardboard is needed.



$$l = 5, w = 4, h = 2$$

18. A storage container measures 8 m by 3 m by 3 m. Find its volume.



$$l = 8, w = 3, h = 3$$

19. A cereal box has a volume of 480 cubic inches. It is 12 in long and 5 in wide. Find its height.



$$l = 12, w = 5, h = ?$$

20. An open-top planter is 6 ft long, 3 ft wide, and 2 ft tall. Find the outside area of the bottom and four sides.



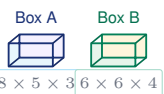
$$l = 6, w = 3, h = 2$$

21. A gift box is 9 in long, 4 in wide, and 3 in tall. Ribbon goes once around length and height, and once around width and height. How many inches of ribbon are needed?



$$l = 9, w = 4, h = 3$$

22. Box A is 8 in by 5 in by 3 in. Box B is 6 in by 6 in by 4 in. How many more cubic inches does Box B hold than Box A?



$$8 \times 5 \times 3 \quad 6 \times 6 \times 4$$

23. A display block is 4 ft long, 3 ft wide, and 2 ft tall. Paint costs 0.50 per square foot. Find the total cost to paint all outside faces.



$$l = 4, w = 3, h = 2$$

24. A rectangular prism has surface area 94 square cm. Its length is 5 cm and its width is 4 cm. Find its height.



$$l = 5, w = 4, h = ?$$



Answer Keys

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| 1. 24 | 7. 52 | 13. 64 | 19. 8 in |
| 2. 50 | 8. 94 | 14. 54 | 20. 54 ft² |
| 3. 72 | 9. 48 | 15. 288 in³ | 21. 38 in |
| 4. 100 | 10. 54 | 16. 3000 cm³ | 22. 24 in³ |
| 5. 42 | 11. 36 | 17. 76 ft² | 23. 26 dollars |
| 6. 128 | 12. 64 | 18. 72 m³ | 24. 3 cm |

Step-by-Step Explanations

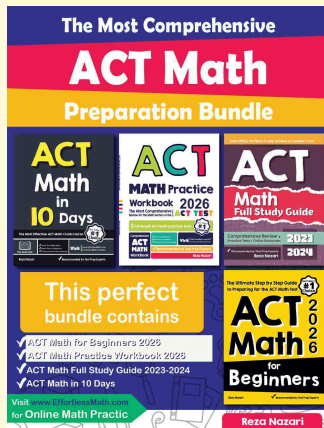
1. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is The prism shows $l = 2$, $w = 3$, and $h = 4$. Volume is $lwh = 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$. So the final answer is 24.
2. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Use the three labeled dimensions: $5 \times 5 \times 2 = 50$. So the final answer is 50.
3. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Volume = $6 \times 4 \times 3 = 72$. So the final answer is 72.
4. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Volume = $10 \times 2 \times 5 = 100$. So the final answer is 100.
5. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Volume = $7 \times 3 \times 2 = 42$. So the final answer is 42.
6. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Volume = $8 \times 4 \times 4 = 128$. So the final answer is 128.
7. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area is $2(lw + lh + wh)$. With 2, 3, 4: $2(6 + 8 + 12) = 52$. So the final answer is 52.
8. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area = $2(5 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 3) = 2(47) = 94$. So the final answer is 94.
9. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area = $2(2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 5) = 2(24) = 48$. So the final answer is 48.
10. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area = $2(6 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 3) = 2(27) = 54$. So the final answer is 54.
11. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is The labeled dimensions give volume = $9 \times 2 \times 2 = 36$. So the final answer is 36.
12. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Volume = $4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$; this prism is also a cube. So the final answer is 64.
13. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area = $2(10 \cdot 2 + 10 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1) = 2(32) = 64$. So the final answer is 64.
14. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Surface area = $2(3 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 3) = 2(27) = 54$. So the final answer is 54.
15. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is The shipping box volume is $12 \times 6 \times 4 = 288$ cubic inches. So the final answer is 288 in³.
16. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is The aquarium volume is $20 \times 10 \times 15 = 3000$ cubic cm. So the final answer is 3000 cm³.
17. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Cardboard covers the surface: $2(5 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2) = 2(38) = 76$ square feet. So the final answer is 76 ft².
18. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is The storage container volume is $8 \times 3 \times 3 = 72$ cubic meters. So the final answer is 72 m³.
19. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Use the volume formula backward: $480 = 12 \cdot 5 \cdot h$, so $h = 480 \div 60 = 8$ inches. So the final answer is 8 in.
20. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is An open-top planter has no top face: $6 \cdot 3 + 2(6 \cdot 2) + 2(3 \cdot 2) = 54$ square feet. So the final answer is 54 ft².
21. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Ribbon around length-height and width-height loops gives $2(9 + 3) + 2(4 + 3) = 38$ inches. So the final answer is 38 in.
22. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Box A holds $8 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 = 120$ cubic inches and Box B holds $6 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 = 144$, so the difference is 24 cubic inches. So the final answer is 24 in³.
23. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is Paint all outside faces: $SA = 2(4 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2) = 52$. At 0.50 dollars per square foot, the cost is 26 dollars. So the final answer is 26 dollars.
24. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is From $94 = 2(5 \cdot 4 + 5h + 4h)$, get $47 = 20 + 9h$, so $h = 3$ cm. So the final answer is 3 cm.



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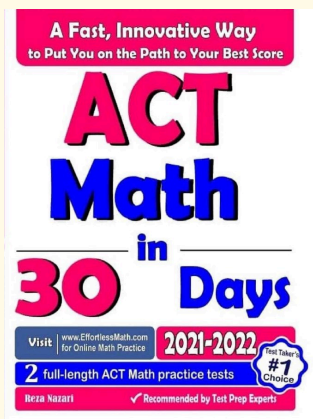


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