

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Step 12: Make Patterns with 3D Shapes

National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 2: (2G1b) [Compare and sort common 3-D shapes and everyday objects](#)

Mathematics Year 2: (2G2b) [Identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a statement about the properties of a repeating 3D shape pattern is correct. Including cylinders, cones and cubes.

Expected Explain whether a statement about the properties of a repeating 3D shape pattern is correct. Including shapes with square, circular and a curved surface.

Greater Depth Explain which statement about the properties of a repeating 3D shape pattern is correct. Including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, square based and triangular based pyramids, hemispheres and different prisms.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Problem Solving)

Developing Use clues to create a 2 or 3-step repeating pattern using 3D shapes including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes and cuboids.

Expected Use clues to create a 3-step repeating pattern using 3D shapes including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, square based and triangular based pyramids.

Greater Depth Use clues to create a 4-step repeating pattern using 3D shapes including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, square based and triangular based pyramids, hemispheres and different prisms.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a statement about a 3-step repeating 3D pattern including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes and cuboids is correct.

Expected Explain whether a statement about a 3-step repeating 3D pattern including spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, square based and triangular based pyramids is correct.

Greater Depth Explain whether a statement about a 4-step repeating 3D pattern spheres, cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, square based and triangular based pyramids, hemispheres and different prisms is correct.

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1a. Faith wants to make a 2-step pattern using shapes with circular faces.

I can use a cuboid and a cone to make a pattern.



Faith

Is she correct? Explain why.



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1b. Sam is trying to make a 2-step pattern using shapes with circular faces.

I can use a cylinder and a cone to make a pattern.



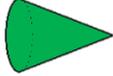
Sam

Is he correct? Explain why.



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2a. Tom is making the following 2-step pattern:

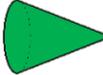
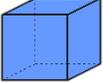
- 1 
- 2 
- 3 

What will the 4th shape be?



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2b. Kara is making the following 3-step pattern:

- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 

What will the 5th shape be?

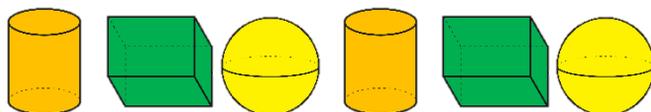


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3a. Meg says,



My pattern is made from two different 3D shapes.



Is she correct? Explain why.

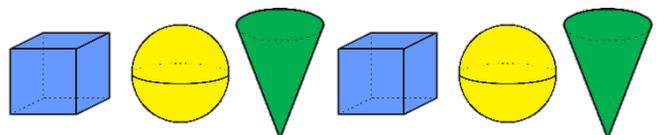


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3b. Ben says,



My pattern is made from a cuboid, a sphere and a cone.



Is he correct? Explain why.



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4a. Stan is trying to make a 3-step pattern using shapes with a square face.



Stan

I can use a cube, a square-based pyramid and a cuboid to make a 3-step pattern.

Is he correct? Explain why.



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4b. Jacob is trying to make a 3-step pattern using shapes with circular faces.



Jacob

I can use a cylinder, a sphere and a cube to make a 3-step pattern.

Is he correct? Explain why.



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5a. Zac is making the following 3-step pattern:

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 |  | 6 | |
| 2 |  | 7 | |
| 3 |  | 8 | ? |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |

What will the 8th shape be?



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5b. Lola is making the following 3-step pattern:

- | | | | |
|---|--|----|---|
| 1 |  | 6 | |
| 2 |  | 7 | |
| 3 |  | 8 | |
| 4 | | 9 | |
| 5 | | 10 | ? |

What will the 10th shape be?

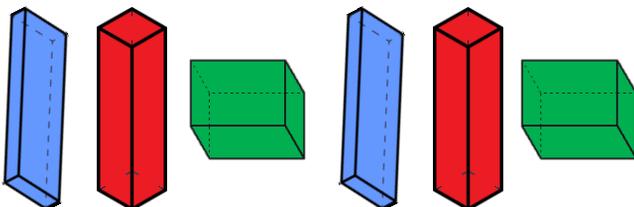


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6a. Max says,



My pattern is made from different 3D shapes.



Is he correct? Explain why.

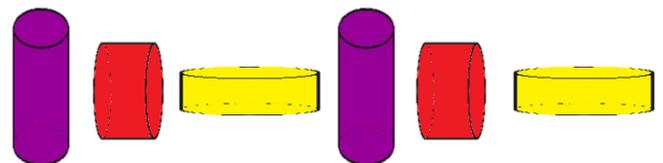


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6b. Milly says,



My pattern is made from two different 3D shapes.



Is she correct? Explain why.



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7a. Alex and Etta are trying to make a 3-step pattern using shapes with triangular faces.



Alex

I can use three 3d shapes to make a 3-step pattern.

I can only use a pyramid so I can't make a 3-step pattern.



Etta

Who is correct? Explain why.



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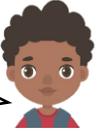
7b. Isla and Kian are trying to make a 3-step pattern using shapes with rectangular faces.



Isla

I can only use a cuboid so I can't make a 3-step pattern.

I can use a triangular prism and change the orientation to make a 3-step pattern.



Kian

Who is correct? Explain why.



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8a. Nell is making the following pattern:

The second shape is a cuboid.

The fourth shape is a prism.

The third shape is a sphere.

The first shape is a cube.

What will the tenth shape be?



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8b. Sam is making the following pattern:

The fourth shape is a cone.

The first shape is a hemisphere.

The second shape is a cube.

The third shape is a sphere.

What will the eighth shape be?

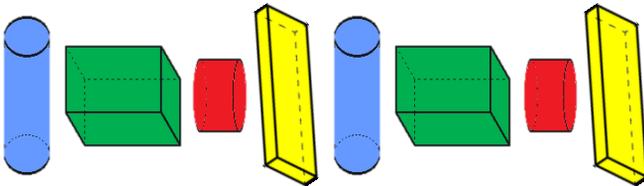


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9a. Liv says,



My pattern is made from two different 3D shapes.



Is she correct? Explain why.

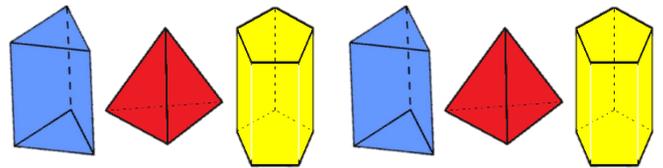


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9b. Zane says,



My 3-step pattern is made from different prisms.



Is he correct? Explain why.



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Developing

- 1a. Faith is incorrect because a cuboid does not have a circular face.
- 2a. The fourth shape will be a cone.
- 3a. Meg is incorrect because she has used 3 3D shapes; cylinders, spheres and cuboids.

Expected

- 4a. Stan is correct because you can use a cube, cuboid and a square based pyramid. Stan is also correct if he changes the orientation or colour of one of the shapes in the 3-step pattern.
- 5a. The eighth shape will be a sphere.
- 6a. Max is incorrect because he has created a 3-step pattern using different cuboids.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Alex is correct because he can use a triangular based pyramid, a square based pyramid and a triangular prism.
- 8a. The tenth shape will be a cuboid.
- 9a. Liv is correct because she has used different sized cylinders and cuboids.

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Developing

- 1b. Sam is correct because you can change the orientation of a shape to create a pattern.
- 2b. The fifth shape will be a cube
- 3b. Ben is incorrect because he has used a cube not a cuboid in his 3-step pattern.

Expected

- 4b. Esme is incorrect because a cube does not have a circular face. A sphere has a curved surface rather than a circular face.
- 5b. The tenth shape will be a cube.
- 6b. Milly is incorrect because she has created a 3-step pattern using different cylinders.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Kian is correct because a triangular prism has rectangular faces and you can change the orientation of a shape to make different patterns.
- 8b. The eighth shape will be a cone.
- 9b. Zane is incorrect because he has used a triangular based pyramid which is not a prism.