

# Shape Space Quest

Find area and volume with rational-number dimensions.

**GRADE 6 • TEKS 6.8.D**

**6.8.D** "determine solutions for problems involving the area of rectangles, parallelograms, trapezoids, and triangles and volume of right rectangular prisms where dimensions are positive rational numbers."

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**AREA AND VOLUME RULES**

Use  $A = l \times w$  for rectangles,  $A = b \times h$  for parallelograms,  $A = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$  for triangles, and  $A = \frac{1}{2} \times (b_1 + b_2) \times h$  for trapezoids. Use  $V = l \times w \times h$  for a right rectangular prism, then label area in square units and volume in cubic units.

**WORKED EXAMPLE**

Find the area of a rectangle that is 1.7 m long and 2.4 m wide.

1. Use  $A = l \times w$ .

2.  $A = 1.7 \times 2.4$ .

3.  $A = 4.08$ .

**Answer: 4.08 m<sup>2</sup>**

**PRACTICE** 6 problems

- 1** Find the area of a rectangle with a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ft and a width of  $\frac{8}{3}$  ft.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** Find the area of a triangle with a base of  $\frac{9}{2}$  cm and a height of  $\frac{4}{3}$  cm.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** Find the area of a parallelogram with a base of  $\frac{7}{2}$  in. and a height of  $\frac{6}{5}$  in.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4** Find the area of a trapezoid with bases of  $\frac{5}{6}$  yd and  $\frac{7}{3}$  yd and a height of 3 yd.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 5** Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with dimensions  $\frac{3}{2}$  cm, 4 cm, and  $\frac{5}{3}$  cm.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6** Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with dimensions  $\frac{2}{5}$  m,  $\frac{9}{4}$  m, and 8 m.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** Maya is covering a rectangular game-table top with a protective mat. The top is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft long and  $1\frac{3}{5}$  ft wide. What area of mat does she need?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** The side panel of a skateboard ramp is shaped like a trapezoid. Its parallel sides are  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft, and its height is 3 ft. What is the area of the panel?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHALLENGE One step up

A right rectangular prism has a volume of  $5\text{ m}^3$ . Its length is  $\frac{3}{4}$  m, and its width is  $2\frac{2}{3}$  m. What is its height? Show an equation that supports your answer.

WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

**PART 1 • PRACTICE**

| # | PROBLEM                                                                                                    | ANSWER                                 |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | Find the area of a rectangle with a length of $\frac{3}{4}$ ft and a width of $\frac{8}{3}$ ft.            | <b><math>2 \text{ ft}^2</math></b>     |
| 2 | Find the area of a triangle with a base of $\frac{9}{2}$ cm and a height of $\frac{4}{3}$ cm.              | <b><math>3 \text{ cm}^2</math></b>     |
| 3 | Find the area of a parallelogram with a base of $\frac{7}{2}$ in. and a height of $\frac{6}{5}$ in.        | <b><math>21/5 \text{ in.}^2</math></b> |
| 4 | Find the area of a trapezoid with bases of $\frac{5}{6}$ yd and $\frac{7}{3}$ yd and a height of 3 yd.     | <b><math>19/4 \text{ yd}^2</math></b>  |
| 5 | Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with dimensions $\frac{3}{2}$ cm, 4 cm, and $\frac{5}{3}$ cm. | <b><math>10 \text{ cm}^3</math></b>    |
| 6 | Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with dimensions $\frac{2}{5}$ m, $\frac{9}{4}$ m, and 8 m.    | <b><math>36/5 \text{ m}^3</math></b>   |

**PART 2 • APPLY IT**

- $4 \text{ ft}^2$**  Convert  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{2}$  and  $1 \frac{3}{5}$  to  $\frac{8}{5}$ . Multiply  $\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{8}{5}$  to get 4 square feet.
- $21/2 \text{ ft}^2$**  Add the parallel sides, then multiply by the height and divide by 2. The area is  $21/2$  square feet, or  $10 \frac{1}{2}$  square feet.

**CHALLENGE** **$\frac{5}{2} \text{ m}$** 

Accept equivalent fraction, mixed-number, or decimal forms, such as  $2\frac{1}{5}$  or  $4 \frac{1}{5}$ . Require square units for area and cubic units for volume.