

# Reasoning and Problem Solving

## Step 11: Sort 3D Shapes

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 2: (2G1b) [Compare and sort common 3D shapes and everyday objects](#)  
Mathematics Year 2: (2G2b) [Identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain if 3D shapes have been sorted correctly in a Venn diagram, with reference to the number of faces, edges and vertices. All shapes presented in the same orientation and size. Perspectives line visible on all shapes.

**Expected** Explain if 3D shapes have been sorted correctly in a Venn diagram, with reference to the number of faces, edges and vertices. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. Perspectives line visible on some shapes and some real-life objects.

**Greater Depth** Explain if 3D shapes have been sorted correctly in a Venn diagram, with reference to faces, edges and vertices. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. No perspectives lines visible on shapes, with some use of real-life objects.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Problem Solving)

**Developing** Sort four 3D shapes into 2 groups. All shapes presented in the same orientation and size. Perspectives line visible on all shapes.

**Expected** Sort six 3D shapes into 2 groups. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. Perspectives line visible on some shapes.

**Greater Depth** Sort six 3D shapes into 2 or 3 groups. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. No perspectives lines visible on shapes, with some use of real-life objects.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Problem solving)

**Developing** Identify the missing label. All shapes presented in the same orientation and size. Perspectives line visible on all shapes.

**Expected** Identify the missing label. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. Perspectives line visible on some shapes.

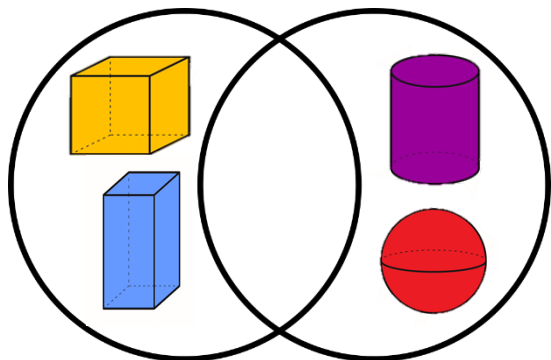
**Greater Depth** Identify the missing label. All shapes presented in different orientations and sizes. No perspectives lines visible on shapes, with some use of real-life objects.

More [Year 2 Properties of Shape](#) resources.

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## Sort 3D Shapes

1a. Ben has sorted these 3D shapes.



Flat faces

Curved surface

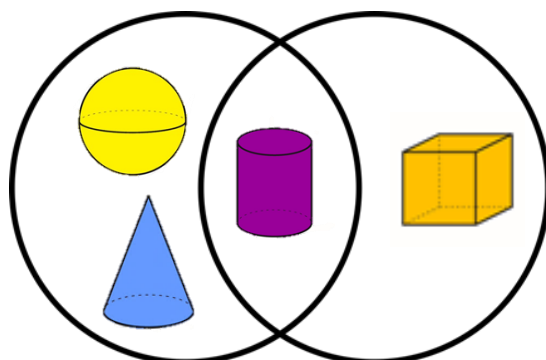
Is he correct? Explain why.



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## Sort 3D Shapes

1b. Isha has sorted these 3D shapes.



Will roll

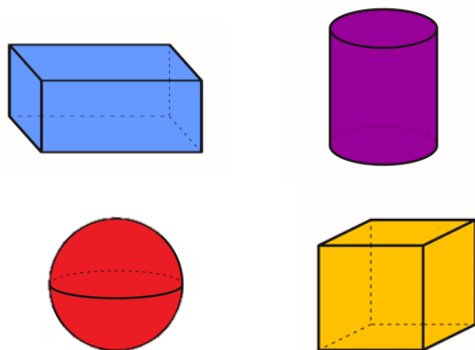
Will slide

Is she correct? Explain why.



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2a. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups?

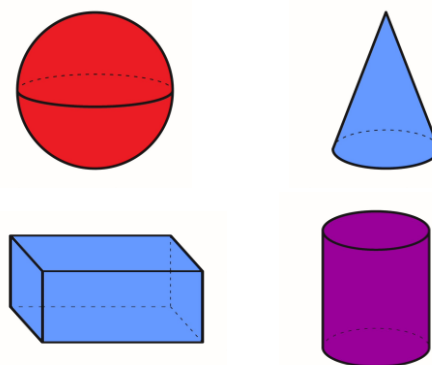


How would you label your groups?



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2b. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups according to their faces?



How would you label your groups?

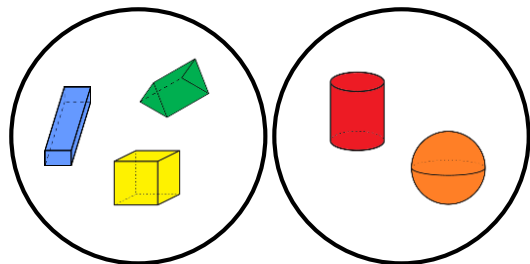


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3a. Charlie is sorting some 3D shapes.

Even number of vertices

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What is Charlie's missing label?

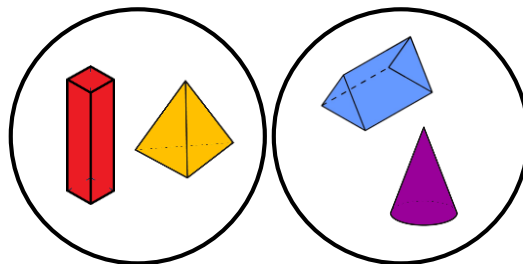


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3b. Erik is sorting some 3D shapes.

Even number of edges

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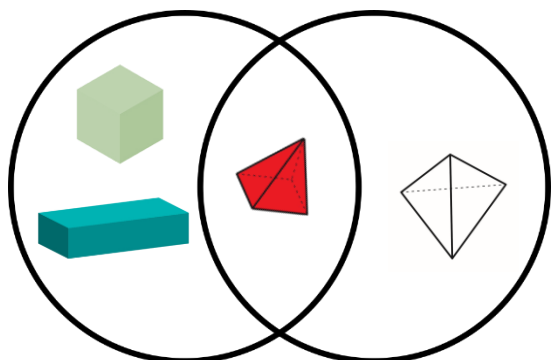
What is Erik's missing label?



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## Sort 3D Shapes

4a. Harvey has sorted these 3D shapes.



Rectangular  
face

Triangular  
face

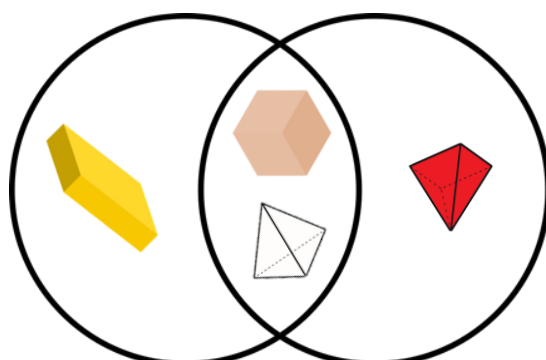
Is he correct? Explain why.



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## Sort 3D Shapes

4b. Jessica has sorted these 3D shapes.



Even number  
of faces

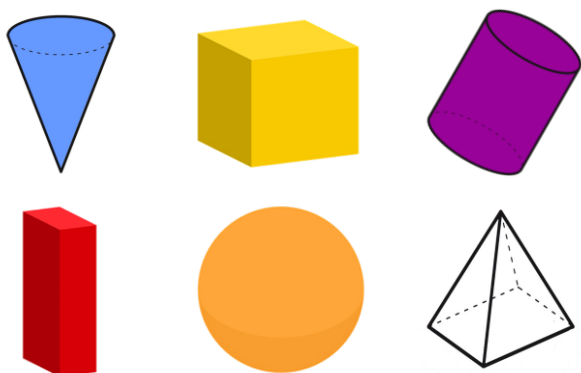
Even number  
of vertices

Is she correct? Explain why.



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5a. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups?

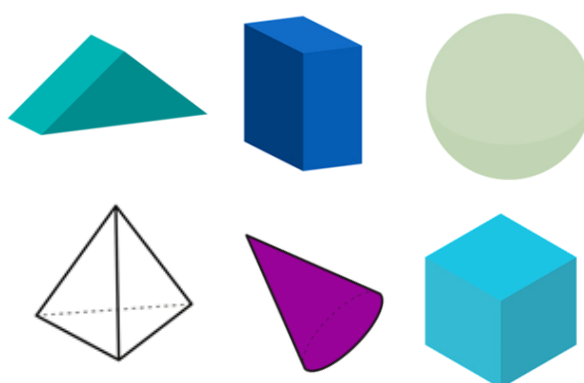


How would you label your groups?



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5b. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups?



How would you label your groups?

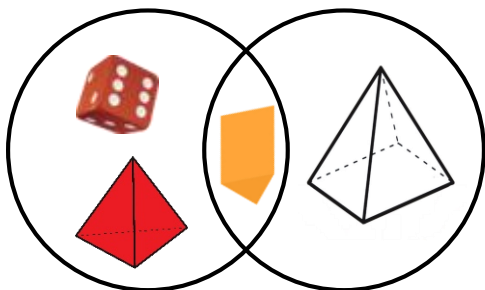


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6a. Anya is sorting some 3D shapes.

Even number  
of vertices

?



What is Anya's missing label?

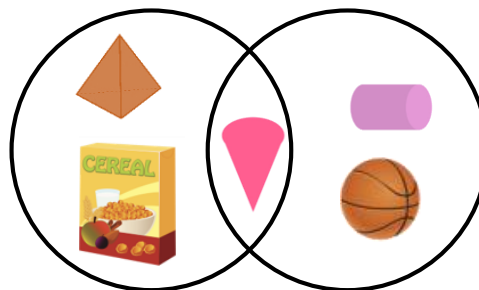


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6b. Adam is sorting some 3D shapes.

Even number  
of faces

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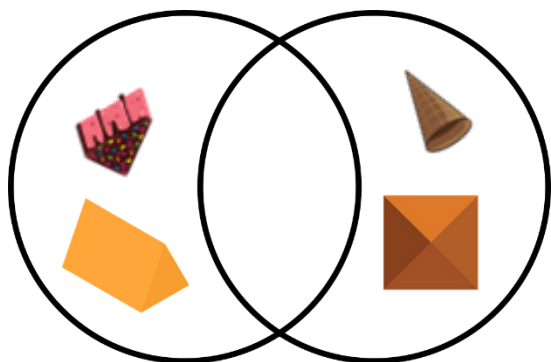
What is Adam's missing label?



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## Sort 3D Shapes

7a. Alina has sorted these 3D shapes.



Odd number  
of faces

Odd number  
of vertices

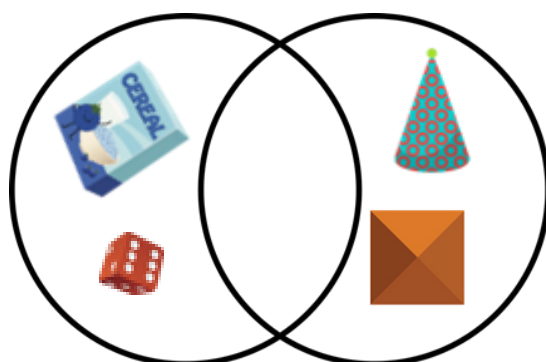
Is she correct? Explain why.



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## Sort 3D Shapes

7b. Kai has sorted these 3D shapes.



Even number  
of edges

Odd number  
of vertices

Is he correct? Explain why.



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8a. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups according to their faces?



How would you label your groups?



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8b. How could you sort these 3D shapes into 2 groups according to their edges?



How would you label your groups?

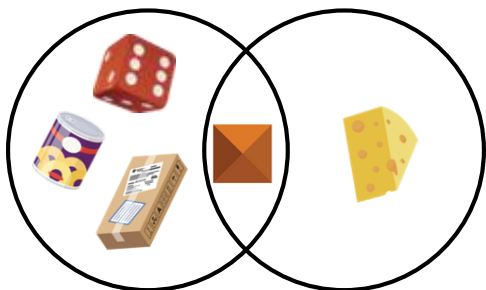


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9a. Jasper is sorting some 3D shapes.

Even number  
of edges

?



What is Jasper's missing label?  
Give two possibilities.



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9b. Kamran is sorting some 3D shapes.

Circular faces/  
curved surface

?



What is Kamran's missing label?  
Give two possibilities.



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### Developing

- 1a. Ben is incorrect because the cylinder has flat faces and a curved surface. It belongs in the intersection.
- 2a. Various answers, for example: vertices/no vertices; flat/curved surface
- 3a. Various answers, for example: No vertices; curved surface

### Expected

- 4a. Harvey is correct because the square-based pyramid has both rectangular and triangular faces but the other shapes have one or the other.
- 5a. Various answers, for example: curved surface/no curved surface; rectangular face/no rectangular face; 8 vertices/fewer than 8 vertices
- 6a. Various answers, for example: triangular and rectangular face

### Greater Depth

- 7a. Alina is incorrect because the square-based pyramid has both an odd number of faces and an odd number of vertices so belongs in the intersection.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: more than 5 faces/fewer than 5 faces
- 9a. Various answers, for example: odd number of vertices; triangular faces

## Reasoning and Problem Solving Sort 3D Shapes

### Developing

- 1b. Isla is incorrect because the cone will roll on its curved surface, but slide on its base. It belongs in the intersection.
- 2b. Various answers, for example: curved surface/flat face; will roll/will slide
- 3b. Various answers, for example: odd number of edges; odd number of flat faces

### Expected

- 4b. Jessica is incorrect because the cuboid belongs in the intersection as it has an even number of faces and vertices and the square-based pyramid has 5 vertices and 5 faces so cannot be sorted into the Venn diagram.
- 5b. Various answers, for example: curved surface/no curved surface; odd/even number of faces, edges or vertices
- 6b. Various answers, for example: can roll; fewer than 4 faces; curved face

### Greater Depth

- 7b. Kai is incorrect because the square-based pyramid has an even number of edges and an odd number of vertices so belongs in the intersection.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: even number of edges/odd number of edges
- 9b. Various answers, for example: can stack; even number of edges