Geometrical reasoning: lines, angles and shapes

As outcomes, Year 8 pupils should, for example:

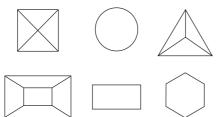
Orient an isometric grid and use conventions for constructing isometric drawings:

- · Vertical edges are drawn as vertical lines.
- Horizontal edges are drawn at 30°.

Identify the position of hidden lines in an isometric drawing.

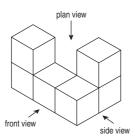
Begin to use plans and elevations. For example:

 The diagrams below are of solids when observed directly from above.

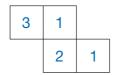


Describe what the solids could be and explain why.

 Draw the front elevation, side elevation and plan of this shape.

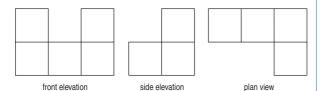


 This diagram represents a plan of a solid made from cubes, the number in each square indicating how many cubes are on that base.



Make an isometric drawing of the solid from a chosen viewpoint.

 Construct this solid, given the front elevation, side elevation and plan.



As outcomes, Year 9 pupils should, for example:

Visualise and describe sections obtained by slicing in different planes.

For example:

- Compare horizontal cross-sections of a squarebased right pyramid at different heights.
 Repeat for vertical cross-sections at different points.
- This cube has been sliced to give a square cross-section.



Is it possible to slice a cube so that the cross-section is:

- a. a rectangle?
- b. a triangle?
- c. a pentagon?
- d. a hexagon?

If so, describe how it can be done.

- For eight linked cubes, find the solids with the smallest and the largest surface area.
 Draw the shapes on isometric paper.
 Extend to 12 cubes.
- Imagine you have a cube.
 Put a dot in the centre of each face.
 Join the dots on adjacent sides by straight lines.
 What shape is generated by these lines?
- Visualise an octahedron.
 Put a dot in the centre of each face.
 Join the dots on adjacent sides by straight lines.
 What shape is generated by these lines?
- Imagine a slice cut symmetrically off each corner of a cube. Describe the solid which remains.
 Is there more than one possibility?
 Repeat for a tetrahedron or octahedron.
- Triangles are made by joining three of the vertices of a cube. How many different-shaped triangles can you make like this?
 Draw sketches of them.

Link to plane symmetry (pages 206-7).

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