## Identifying faces to calculate surface area


"I want to paint my dog house. To make sure I buy the correct amount of paint, I want to calculate the lateral surface area."

"Then, because I want to paint the inside and the outside, I will multiply by 2. Does this seem right to you?"
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## Solve It

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Remember that the other side has identical features


## Something to do at home

## Calculate it

## Identify the objects and take notes about how to calculate the surface area. Make a list of your household objects and draw diagrams to help you calculate the surface area

When calculating the surface area of a solid, you need to be able to identify all faces along with their dimensions. This rectangular prism has three pairs of corresponding faces:

- two sides
- front and back
- top and bottom.



## EXAMPLE 1

Find the pairs of corresponding faces, given that:
Front $=A B C D$
Side $=B F G C$
Bottom $=D H G C$


| Given | Correspondingface |
| :--- | :--- |
| Front $=A B C D$ | Back $=E F G H$ |
| Side $=B F G C$ | Side $=A E H D$ |
| Bottom $=D H G C$ | Top $=A E F B$ |

1 Find each corresponding face, given that:
a Front $=A B C D$
b $\quad$ Side $=B F H C$
c Top $=A E F B$


2 For each triangular prism shown:
i Identify the remaining faces, given that the front $=A B C$.
ii Which faces are corresponding?
iiii Which faces are equal?
a

b


## EXAMPLE 2

Using the diagram, state the dimensions of each face in a table.

b

a

| Face | Length | Breadth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A B C D$ | 10 cm | 4 cm |
| $E F G H$ | 10 cm | 4 cm |
| $A E H D$ | 7 cm | 4 cm |
| $B F G C$ | 7 cm | 4 cm |
| $A E F B$ | 10 cm | 7 cm |
| $D H G C$ | 10 cm | 7 cm |

b

| Face | Base | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $P Q R$ | 4 m | 3 m |
| $S T U$ | 4 m | 3 m |
| Face | Length | Breadth |
| $P Q T S$ | 8 m | 5 m |
| $Q T U R$ | 8 m | 3 m |
| $P R U S$ | 8 m | 4 m |

3 Complete the tables for the diagrams shown.

b


| Face | Length | Breadth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LMNO |  |  |
| HIJK |  |  |
| $I M N J$ |  |  |
| $H L O K$ |  |  |
| $H L M I$ |  |  |
| KONJ |  |  |


| Face | Base | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A B C$ |  |  |
| $D E F$ |  |  |
| Face | Length | Breadth |
| $A B E D$ |  |  |
| $B E F C$ |  |  |
| $A C F D$ |  |  |

## Check your answers

1 a Back $=E F H G$
b Side $=A E G D$
c Bottom = DGHC
2 a i Back $=F D E$, side $1=A D F C$, side $2=A D E B$, bottom $=$ CFEB
ii Front and back
iii Front and back, side 1 and side 2
b i Back $=D E F$, side $1=A D F C$, side $2=A D E B$, bottom $=$ CFEB
ii Front and back
iii Front and back
3 a

| Face | Length | Breadth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $L M N O$ | 12 cm | 5 cm |
| $H I J K$ | 12 cm | 5 cm |
| $I M N J$ | 8 cm | 5 cm |
| $H L O K$ | 8 cm | 5 cm |
| $H L M I$ | 12 cm | 8 cm |
| $K O N J$ | 12 cm | 8 cm |

b

| Face | Base | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A B C$ | 8 cm | 6 cm |
| $D E F$ | 8 cm | 6 cm |
| Face | Length | Breadth |
| $A B E D$ | 11 cm | 10 cm |
| $B E F C$ | 11 cm | 6 cm |
| $A C F D$ | 11 cm | 8 cm |


[^0]:    Calculate the surface area of this dollhouse—minus windows, doors, and the floor. (All opposite sides are identical.) Remember to show your work.

