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Shapes Project Lesson Plan

A Math Project

Overview & Purpose

In this project, students working in teams are going to explore shapes by understanding their basic properties, identifying their similarities and differences, and learning to classify them accordingly.

Each student in the team picks a unique shape she will focus on. Each then will perform research about their shape and start asking lots of questions about it. The questions will guide students to identify the properties of the shape and understand the process by which the perimeter and the area of the shape can be calculated.

The final goal of the team is to create a comparison of the shapes by laying them next to each other to reflect differences in their properties, such as: sides, angles, etc. Students are also going to explore the hierarchical structure by which polygons are classified and create a mind map to display that relationship. As a proof of their understanding, students should use material they gathered about their shape, to create a profile of their shape, showing all the aspects that the shape can be described by.

This collaborative work encourages all team members to look at each other's shapes, see their differences and similarities and visualize how they are classified and relate to each other.

Education Standards

- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.3.G.A.1](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.3.G.A.2](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.G.A.2](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.G.B.3](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.G.B.4](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.G.A.1](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.7.G.B.4](#)
- [CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.7.G.B.6](#)

Objectives

- Students learn to identify shapes and their properties and create a meaningful visual representation of the shapes
- Students reason deductively that shapes in different categories may share properties that can define a larger category
- Students learn to classify two dimensional shapes
- Students learn to calculate the perimeter and the area of shapes
- Students create a base of knowledge about shapes in Project Pals

Materials Needed

- Project Pals [account](#)

Verification

- Did the student ask all the right questions about his shape
- Did the student come up with the right properties of his shape
- Does the student understand how shapes relate to each other and why
- Can the student classify shapes based on that classification
- Can the student point to the similarities and differences between shapes
- Can the student describe the processes of calculating perimeter and area of his shape
- Did the student gather relevant supporting media (images, videos, etc.)

Activity

- Each student should decide which type of polygon they want to focus on.
- Then they need to read about their shape in books or the internet.
- A typical source in the internet would be '[Square Shape](#),' that describes its properties and how to calculate its perimeter and area.
- Students need to add these resources to their Shapes project in Project Pals.
- Students need to ask a lot of questions about their shape.

What type of angles does the square have?

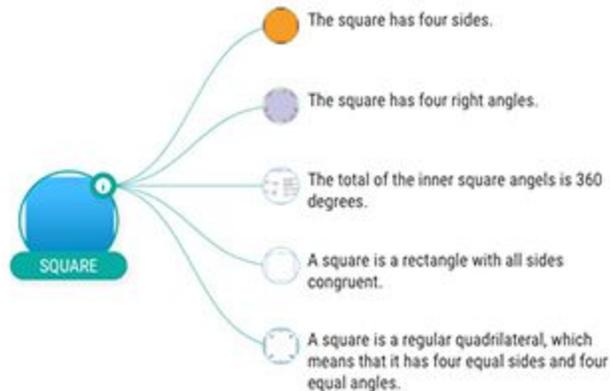
QUESTION

How many sides does the square have?

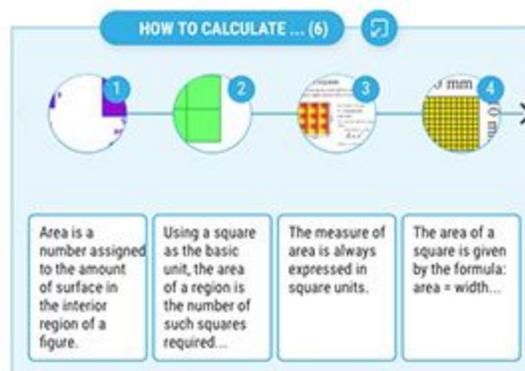
QUESTION

- Based on the research and the focus questions, students can create tasks for themselves in the 'Tasks' section.

- Based on what they read in their research, they can create a component of their shape and add its defining features (properties). While doing that, students should also add relevant supporting media (images, videos, etc.).



- Once they learned how to calculate their shape's perimeter and area, they can list the process in an event. This is an opportunity to create a Google Sheet with the calculation steps and formula, that they can attach as supporting media to the event.





Area of a Square Calculation



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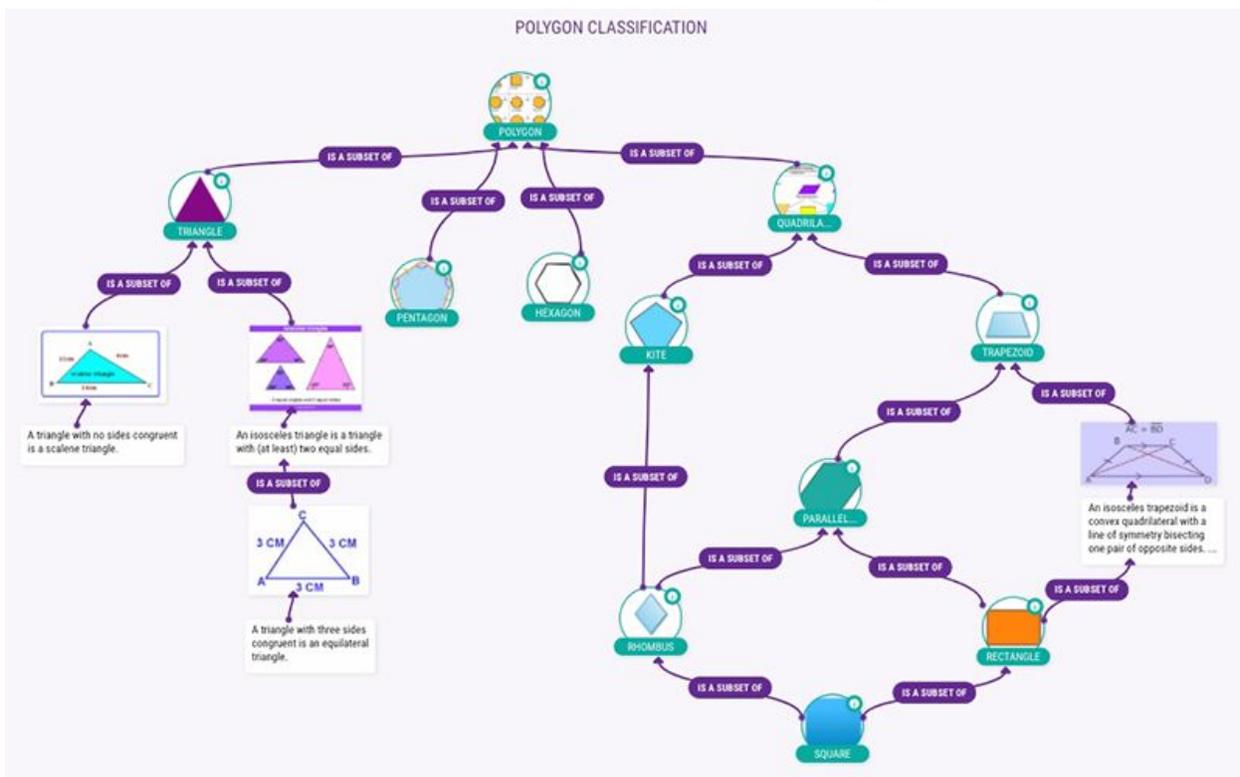
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unit = cm

	A	B	C
1	unit = cm		Formula is: Area =
2	Side of square	Area	Area with units
3	5	25	25 cm
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- All students in the team can now lay out their shapes on the 'Relationships' tab and connect them in a hierarchical structure to the Polygon tree, like this:



- Students can now create a 'Compare & Contrast' tab and each will add their own entry to the table that compares the shapes along several categories. As you see, students are also adding their supporting media to the table, including images, Google sheets and videos, as shown below:

	Sides	Angles	Interior and Exterior Angles	Perimeter	Area
	Polygons are classified according to the number of sides or vertices they have.	Polygons in which all the angles are congruent and all the sides are congruent are called regular polygons. ...	Any two sides of a polygon having a common vertex determine an interior angle or angle of the polygon ...	The perimeter of a polygon is the sum of the lengths of the sides	The area of any regular polygon is $\frac{1}{2}ap$, where a is the height of one of the triangles involved and p is the perimeter of the ...
	The triangle has three sides.	The triangle has three angles			Thus, the formula for the area of a triangle is: $A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot b \cdot h$, $A = (b \cdot h) / 2$, where b is the base, h is the height and ...
	A pentagon is any five sided polygon or 5-gon.	A regular pentagon's interior angle is 108 degrees and its exterior angle is 72 degrees.	The sum of the internal angles in a simple pentagon is 540°		The area of any regular polygon is $\frac{1}{2}ap$, where a is the height of one of the triangles involved and p is the perimeter of the ...
	The hexagon has six sides.	All internal angles are 120 degrees.	The total of the internal angles of any hexagon is 720 degrees.		The area of any regular polygon is $\frac{1}{2}ap$, where a is the height of one of the triangles involved and p is the perimeter of the ...
	A quadrilateral has four sides.		The quadrilateral interior angles add up to 360 degrees.		
	A kite is a quadrilateral whose four sides can be grouped into two pairs of equal-length sides that are adjacent to each ...	Every kite is orthodiagonal, meaning that its two diagonals are at right angles to each other. ...	The two interior angles of a kite that are on opposite sides of the symmetry axis are equal. ...		The formula of the area of the kite is: $A = \frac{1}{2}(diagonal1 \cdot diagonal2)$
	A convex quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides is referred to as a trapezoid	A trapezoid has two adjacent angles that are supplementary, that is, they add up to 180 degrees. ...			The formula for the area of the trapezoid is: $A = (b1 + b2) \cdot h / 2$
	A parallelogram is a simple (non-self-intersecting) quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel sides.	Adjacent angles are supplementary.			The formula for calculating the area of a rectangle is: $b \cdot h = A$
	A rhombus is a simple (non-self-intersecting) quadrilateral whose four sides all have the same length. ...	Opposite angles of a rhombus have equal measure.	It is a quadrilateral in which each diagonal bisects two opposite interior angles		Therefore, the formula for calculating the area of a rhombus is the same as the kite's: $A = \frac{1}{2}(diagonal1 \cdot diagonal2)$...
	The rectangle has two opposite sides that are equal to each other.	All angles of the rectangle are equal to 90 degrees.			The area of a rectangle is its length times its width: $l \cdot w = A$
	The square has four equal sides.	The square has four right angles.	The exterior angles of a square equal 90 degrees each and when summed up equal 360 degrees. ...		The area of a square is given by the formula: $area = width \cdot height$

- Finally, as a culmination of their shape investigation, each student in the team should create their shape profile, just like creating a profile for a person. Students will use the 'Scenes' tool to create the profile, as shown below:

A TRAPEZOID PROFILE

Profile: Trapezoid



Picture

I am a convex quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides

Summary

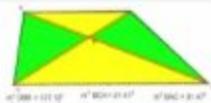
The parallel sides are called the bases of the trapezoid and the other two sides are called the legs or the lateral ...

A trapezoid has two adjacent angles that are supplementary, that is, they add up to 180 degrees. ...

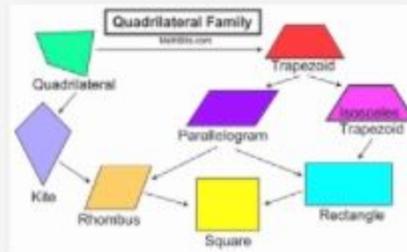
The angle between a side and a diagonal is equal to the angle between the opposite side and the same diagonal. ...

The diagonals cut the quadrilateral into four triangles of which one opposite pair are similar.

The product of the areas of the two triangles formed by one diagonal equals the product of the areas of the two triangles ...



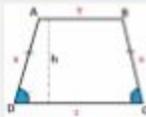
Groups and Associations



My Family

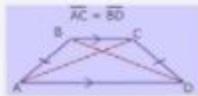
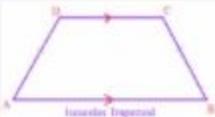
My name is Acute Trapezoid

An acute trapezoid is also an isosceles trapezoid, if its sides (legs) have the same length, and the base angles ...



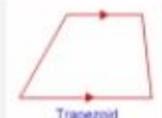
My name is Isosceles Trapezoid

An isosceles trapezoid is a convex quadrilateral with a line of symmetry bisecting one pair of opposite sides. ...



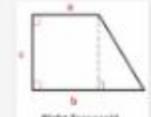
My name is Obtuse Trapezoid

An obtuse trapezoid has one acute and one obtuse angle on each base.



My name is Right Trapezoid

A right trapezoid (also called right-angled trapezoid) has two adjacent right angles.



My name is Scalene Trapezoid

A scalene trapezoid is a trapezoid with no sides of equal measure



My Value

Add the sum of its bases.

Multiply the sum by the height of the trapezoid.

Divide the result by 2.

The formula for the area of the trapezoid is: $A = ((b_1 + b_2) \cdot h) / 2$

My value is the calculated area

6-2 Perimeter and Area of Triangles and Trapezoids

AREA OF A TRAPEZOID		
Words	Numbers	Formula
Trapezoid: The area of a trapezoid is one-half the height h times the sum of the base lengths b_1 and b_2 .	$A = \frac{1}{2} (2)(3 + 7)$ $= 10 \text{ units}^2$	$A = \frac{1}{2} (h)(b_1 + b_2)$

Pre-Algebra

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