

**MB 611**

**Lesson 10-5**  
Solve Word Problems Using Volume

A school has two wings, each of which is a rectangular prism. The school district is planning to install air conditioning in the school and needs to know its volume. What is the volume of the school? Solve this problem any way you choose.

**Model with Math** Write a multiplication expression for the volume of each wing of the building.

$V_L = l \times w \times h$   
 $50m \times 50m \times 10m$   
 $2,500m^2 \times 10m$   
 $25,000m^3$

$V_R = l \times w \times h$   
 $75m \times 57m \times 14m$   
 $4,275m^2 \times 14m$   
 $59,850m^3$

**Look Back!** **MP4 Model with Math** Write a mathematical expression that can be used to find the total volume of the school.

$(50 \times 50 \times 10) + (75 \times 57 \times 14)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 75 \\ \hline 1750 \\ + 2500 \\ \hline 18750 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4,275 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 17100 \\ + 42750 \\ \hline 59,850 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25,000 m^3 \\ + 59,850 m^3 \\ \hline 84,850 m^3 \end{array}$$

**How Can You Use Volume Formulas to Solve Real-World Problems?**

The nature center has a large bird cage called an aviary. It consists of two sections, each shaped like a rectangular prism. There needs to be 10 cubic feet of space for each bird. How many birds can the nature center have in the aviary?

**You can make sense of the problem by breaking it apart into simpler problems.**

Find the volume of each section. Use the formula  $V = l \times w \times h$ .

Small section:  
 $V = 12 \times 6 \times 8 = 96$

Large section:  
 $V = 10 \times 6 \times 8 = 480$

Add to find the total volume:  
 $96 + 480 = 576$

The combined volume is 576 cubic feet.

Divide to find the number of birds that will fit:  
 $576 \text{ cubic feet} \div 10 = 57.6$

The nature center can put 57 birds in the aviary.

**Connective Mat** **MP3 Critique Reasoning** Tom solved the problem a different way. First he found the total area of the floor, and then he multiplied by the height. Does Tom's method work? Explain.

$(12 \times 6) + (10 \times 6) = 120$   
 $120 \times 8 = 960$   
 $960 \div 2 = 480$

**Yes Tom's method gives a volume of 576 ft<sup>3</sup>.**

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**Guided Practice**

**Do You Understand?**

1. How can you find the volume of the china cabinet?  
 $V = l \times w \times h$   
 $4ft \times 12ft \times 4ft = 192ft^3$

2. **MP2 Reasoning** What is the height of the top section of the china cabinet? Explain. The whole cabinet is 7ft. The bottom is 3ft.  
 $7ft - 3ft = 4ft$

3. Find the volume of the china cabinet.  
 $16ft^2 \times 24ft^2 = 40ft^3$

4. Find the volume of the building below.  
 $35 \times 40 = 1400$   
 $1400 \times 8 = 11200$

5. The nature center has a fish tank shaped like a rectangular prism that measures 6ft long by 4ft wide by 3ft high. How many small fish can be stocked in the tank? How many small fish can safely fit in the tank?  
 $V = l \times w \times h$   
 $6ft \times 4ft \times 3ft = 72ft^3$   
 $72 \div 3 = 24$

**Independent Practice**

6. Sophie built a house out of building blocks. Find the volume of the house Sophie built.  
 $V = l \times w \times h$   
 $5cm \times 5cm \times 10cm = 250cm^3$   
 $16cm \times 10cm = 160cm^2$   
 $160cm^2 \times 20cm = 3200cm^3$   
 $480cm^2 \times 30cm = 14400cm^3$   
 $9,600cm^3$

7. How many cubic inches of concrete would it take to make these stairs?  
 $150in^2 \times 9.688in = 1453.2in^3$   
 $9.750in^3$

$V_L = l \times w \times h$   
 $35 \times 54 \times 82$

$V_R = 40 \times 30 \times 30$

Complete 6, 8, & 11

**Math Practices and Problem Solving**

8. A floor plan of Angelica's bedroom and closet is shown at the right. The height of the bedroom is 9 feet. The height of the closet is 7 feet. What is the total volume of the bedroom and the closet?

9. **MP3 Critique Reasoning** Does it make sense for Angelica to find the combined area of the bedroom floor and closet before finding the total volume? Explain your thinking.

10. **Higher Order Thinking** An office building surrounds a rectangular open-air courtyard. What is the volume of the building? How did you find the answer?

⑧  $V_B = l \times w \times h$   
 $14ft \times 12ft \times 9ft = 1512ft^3$   
 $3ft \times 4ft \times 7ft = 84ft^3$   
 $12ft \times 7ft = 84ft^2$   
 $84ft^2 \times 7ft = 588ft^3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,512 ft^3 \\ + 84 ft^3 \\ \hline 1,596 ft^3 \end{array}$$

