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Volume of Cylinders and Pyramids- Guided Lesson Explanation

Explanation#1

Step 1) Volume of a triangular prism:

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \times \text{length}$$

Step 2) Find the base, height, and length of the triangular prism.

base: 8 m height: 4 m length: 10 m

Step 3) Use these numbers in the volume formula.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \times \text{length} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 4 \times 10 \\ &= 160 \text{ m}^3\end{aligned}$$

The volume is 160 cubic meters.

Explanation#2

Step 1) Volume of a cylinder:

$$\text{Volume} = \pi r^2 h$$

Step 2) Find the radius and height of the cylinder.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{radius} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{diameter} = \frac{1}{2} \times 12 = 6 \\ \text{height} &= 6\end{aligned}$$

Step 3) Use these numbers in the volume formula. Use 3.14 for π .



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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \pi r^2 h \\ &\approx 3.14 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \\ &\approx 678.58 \text{ yd}^3\end{aligned}$$

The volume of the cylinder is about 679 cubic yards.

Explanation#3

Step 1) Volume of a triangular prism:

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \times \text{length}$$

Step 2) Find the base, height, and length of the triangular prism.

base: 5 in height: 8 in length: 12 in

Step 3) Use these numbers in the volume formula.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \times \text{length} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 8 \times 12 \\ &= 240 \text{ in}^3\end{aligned}$$

The volume is 240 cubic inches.

