

# Reasoning and Problem Solving

## Step 3: Count Vertices on 2D Shapes

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 2: (2G2a) [Identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Problem Solving)

**Developing** Decide which of two sets of 2D shapes have the highest/lowest number of vertices. All shapes regular and presented with the same orientation. Visual support provided.

**Expected** Decide which of two sets of 2D shapes have the highest/lowest number of vertices. Regular and some irregular shapes, presented with different orientations. Some visual support provided.

**Greater Depth** Decide which of two sets of 2D shapes have the highest/lowest number of vertices. No visual support provided.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Problem Solving)

**Developing** Complete a table by counting the number of vertices for a set of shapes. All shapes regular and presented with the same orientation.

**Expected** Complete a table by counting the number of vertices for a set of shapes. Regular and some irregular shapes, presented with different orientations.

**Greater Depth** Complete a table/sort shapes according to the number of vertices. No visual support provided.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain whether a set of shapes has a given total of vertices. All shapes regular and presented with the same orientation. Visual support provided.

**Expected** Explain whether a set of shapes has a given total of vertices. Irregular and some regular shapes, presented with different orientations. Some visual support provided.

**Greater Depth** Explain whether a set of shapes has a given number of vertices. No visual support provided.


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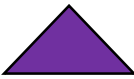
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1a. Joshua and Isaac each have some shapes.




Isaac




triangle




square




circle




Joshua



pentagon



triangle




rectangle

How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the most number of vertices?




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1b. Lucy and Isabel each have some shapes.




Lucy




rectangle




square




octagon




Isabel



pentagon



pentagon



triangle


How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the fewest number of vertices?




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2a. Complete the table with the shapes below.

fewer than 5 vertices	5 or more vertices







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B



C



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E

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2b. Complete the table with the shapes below.

fewer than 6 vertices	6 or more vertices







A




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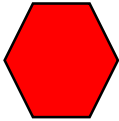
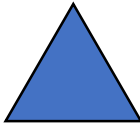
E

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3a. Courtney wants to collect a total of 9 vertices. She says,



I need a triangle and a hexagon.




Is she correct? Explain how you know.

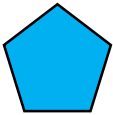



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3b. Jamie wants to collect a total of 12 vertices. He says,



I need a rectangle and a pentagon.



Is he correct? Explain how you know.

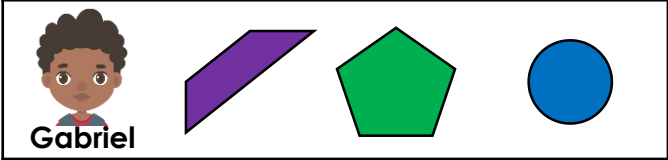


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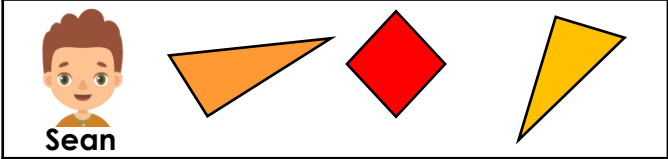
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4a. Gabriel and Sean each have some shapes.



Gabriel



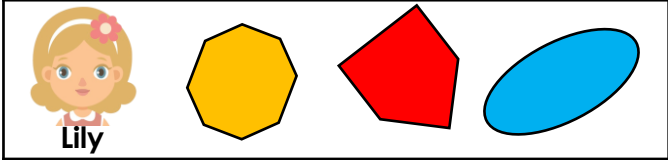
Sean

How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the most number of vertices?

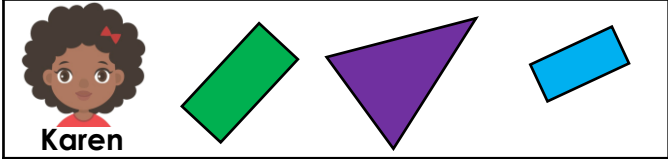


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4b. Lily and Karen each have some shapes.



Lily



Karen

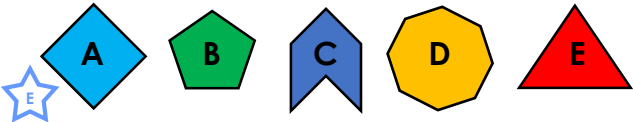
How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the fewest number of vertices?



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5a. Complete the table with the shapes below.

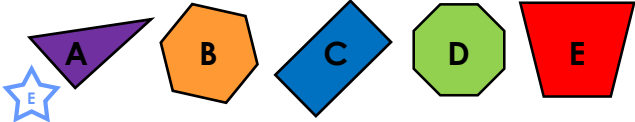
fewer than 5 vertices	5 or more vertices



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5b. Complete the table with the shapes below.

fewer than 5 vertices	6 or more vertices



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6a. Cian wants to collect a total of 9 vertices. He says,

I need 2 triangles and a pentagon.



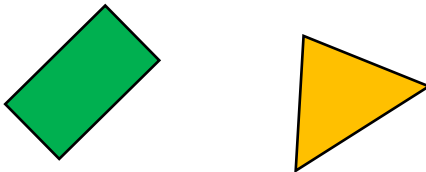
Is he correct? Explain how you know.



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6b. Jal wants to collect a total of 11 vertices. He says,

I need 2 rectangles and a triangle.



Is he correct? Explain how you know.



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7a. Jon and Alice each have some shapes.



Jon

I have a pentagon, 3 triangles and an oval.



Alice

I have a square, an octagon and a hexagon.

How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the most number of vertices?



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7b. Sameena and Polly each have some shapes.



Sameena

I have 2 rectangles, an octagon and a pentagon.



Polly

I have 3 squares and 2 hexagons.

How many vertices do they each have?  
Who has the fewest number of vertices?



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8a. Complete the table. Which shape cannot be sorted into the table?

fewer than 5 vertices	6 or more vertices

pentagon    triangle    square  
octagon    hexagon



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8b. Write 2 suitable headings for the table based on the number of vertices each shape has. One shape cannot be sorted.

pentagon hexagon	triangle square

octagon



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9a. Courtney wants to collect a total of 15 vertices. She says,



I need a 3 triangles and an octagon.

Is she correct? Explain how you know.



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9b. Jamie wants to collect a total of 14 vertices. He says,



I need 2 rectangles and 2 pentagons.

Is he correct? Explain how you know.



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### Developing

- 1a. Isaac has  $3 + 4 + 0 = 7$  vertices.  
Joshua has  $5 + 3 + 4 = 12$  vertices. Joshua has the most number of vertices.
- 2a. Fewer than 5 vertices: C, D and E  
5 or more vertices: A and B
- 3a. Courtney is correct. A triangle has 3 vertices and a hexagon has 6 vertices.  
 $3 + 6 = 9$

### Expected

- 4a. Gabriel has  $4 + 5 + 0 = 9$  vertices.  
Sean has  $3 + 4 + 3 = 10$  vertices. Sean has the most number of vertices.
- 5a. Fewer than 5 vertices: A and E  
5 or more vertices: B, C and D
- 6a. Cian is incorrect. A triangle has 3 vertices and a pentagon has 5 vertices.  
 $3 + 3 + 5 = 11$

### Greater Depth

- 7a. Jon has  $5 + 9 + 0 = 14$  vertices.  
Alice has  $4 + 8 + 6 = 18$  vertices. Alice has the most number of vertices.
- 8a. Fewer than 5 vertices: triangle and square; 7 or more vertices: hexagon, octagon; pentagon cannot be sorted.
- 9a. Courtney is incorrect. A triangle has 3 vertices and an octagon has 8 vertices.  
 $3 + 3 + 3 + 8 = 17$

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### Developing

- 1b. Lucy has  $4 + 4 + 8 = 16$  vertices.  
Isabel has  $5 + 5 + 3 = 13$  vertices. Isabel has the fewest number of vertices.
- 2b. Fewer than 6 vertices: A, C and E  
6 vertices or more: B and D
- 3b. Jamie is not correct. A rectangle has 4 vertices and a pentagon has 5 vertices.  
 $4 + 5 = 9$

### Expected

- 4b. Lily has  $8 + 5 + 0 = 13$  vertices.  
Karen has  $4 + 3 + 4 = 11$  vertices. Karen has the fewest number of vertices.
- 5b. Fewer than 6 vertices: A, C and E  
6 or more vertices: B and D
- 6b. Jal is correct. A rectangle has 4 vertices and a triangle has 3 vertices.  
 $4 + 4 + 3 = 11$

### Greater Depth

- 7b. Sameena has  $8 + 8 + 5 = 21$  vertices.  
Polly has  $12 + 12 = 24$  vertices. Sameena has the fewest number of vertices.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: fewer than 5 vertices; more than 4 vertices and fewer than 7 vertices.
- 9b. Jamie is incorrect. A rectangle has 4 vertices and a pentagon has 5 vertices.  
 $4 + 4 + 10 = 18$