Cylinder: Teacher Notes



If you compare three different cylinders, how can you tell which one will have the greatest volume?

Group Arrangement

Students work in individually or in pairs

Tools

- 3 sheets of paper with rectangles A, B, and C
- rulers
- tape
- scissors



1. Cut out the rectangles shown on the attached pages. Tape them together on the sides indicated to form cylinders.





- 2. Answer the following questions:
 - If the cylinders had tops, what would be the diameter of a. each top?
 - What would be the radius of each top? b.
 - What would be the area of each top? Round to the c. nearest tenth.
 - For the area of the tops, find A : B and A : C. d.
- Measure the heights of the three cylinders. For the heights, 3. find:
 - a.
 - A : B _____ A : C _____ b.

- 4. Predict the ratio of the volumes of the following cylinders:
 - a. A and B _____
 - b. A and C _____
- 5. Find the volume of each cylinder. For the volumes, find:
 - a. A : B _____
 - b. A : C _____
- 6. Were your predictions in Question 4 correct?
- 7. Summarize:
 - a. If the height of two cylinders is the same and the radii are in ratio of ___?__, then their volumes are in the ratio of ___?__.
 - b. If the radius of two cylinders is the same and the heights are in ratio of _____, then their volumes are in the ratio of _____.

Math Connection

As a result of this activity, students will be able to model how the changes of a figure in such dimensions as length, width, height, or radius affect other measurements such as perimeter, area, surface area, or volume.





