Patterns of Pyramids and Prisms



1. A **pyramid** has a flat base and a point at the top. Use modeling materials to construct pyramids with the bases shown above. Use your models to complete the following table:

Pyramid	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	sides in base	faces	vertices	edges
Triangular	3	4	4	6
Square				
Pentagonal				
Hexagonal				
Octagonal				

- 2. Look for patterns in the table and answer these questions:
 - a. If the base of the pyramid has 10 sides, the number of faces is _____
 - b. If the base of the pyramid has 12 sides, the number of vertices is _____
 - c. If the base of the pyramid has 14 sides, the number of edges is _____
 - d. If the base of the pyramid has **n** sides, the number of faces is ____, the number of vertices is ____, and the number of edges is ____.
- **3.** A **prism** has a flat base on top and bottom. Use modeling materials to construct prisms with the bases shown above. Use your models to complete the following table:

Prism	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	sides in base	faces	vertices	edges
Triangular	3	5	6	9
Square				
Pentagonal				
Hexagonal				
Octagonal				

- 4. Look for patterns in the table and answer these questions:
 - a. If each base of a prism has 10 sides, the number of faces is _____
 - b. If each base of a prism has 12 sides, the number of vertices is _
 - c. If each base of a prism has **n** sides, the number of faces is ____, the number of edges is ____ and the number of vertices is ____
- 5. Is there any general conclusion you can draw about the number of Faces, Edges, and Vertices of any of these shapes? F + V = ?