

**LESSON**  
**12.3**

# Study Guide

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**GOAL Find surface areas of pyramids and cones.**
**Vocabulary**

A **pyramid** is a polyhedron in which the base is a polygon and the lateral faces are triangles with a common vertex.

The **vertex of the pyramid** is the common vertex of the lateral faces of the pyramid.

A **regular pyramid** has a regular polygon for a base and the segment joining the vertex and the center of the base is perpendicular to the base.

The **slant height** of a regular pyramid is the height of a lateral face of the regular pyramid.

**Theorem 12.4 Surface Area of a Regular Pyramid:** The surface area  $S$  of a regular pyramid is  $S = B + \frac{1}{2}P\ell$ , where  $B$  is the area of the base,  $P$  is the perimeter of the base, and  $\ell$  is the slant height.

A **cone** has a circular base and a **vertex** that is not in the same plane as the base.

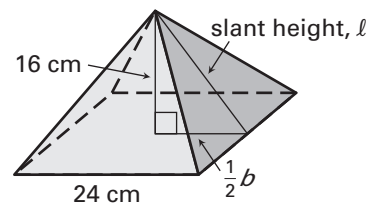
A **right cone** is a cone where the segment joining the vertex and the center of the base is perpendicular to the base and the slant height is the distance between the vertex and a point on the base edge.

The **lateral surface** of a cone consists of all segments that connect the vertex with points on the base edge.

**Theorem 12.5 Surface Area of a Right Cone:** The surface area  $S$  of a right cone is  $S = B + \frac{1}{2}C\ell = \pi r^2 + \pi r\ell$ , where  $B$  is the area of the base,  $C$  is the circumference of the base,  $r$  is the radius of the base, and  $\ell$  is the slant height.

**EXAMPLE 1 Find the area of a lateral face of a pyramid**

**A regular square pyramid has a height of 16 centimeters and a base edge length of 24 centimeters. Find the area of each lateral face of the pyramid.**


**Solution**

Use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the slant height  $\ell$ .

$$\ell^2 = h^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}b\right)^2 \quad \text{Write formula.}$$

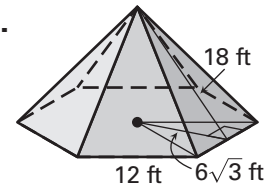
$$\ell^2 = 16^2 + 12^2 = 400 \quad \text{Substitute for } h \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}b \text{ and simplify.}$$

$$\ell = 20 \quad \text{Find the positive square root.}$$

The area of each triangular face is  $A = \frac{1}{2}b\ell = (12)(20) = 240 \text{ cm}^2$ .

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*For use with pages 810–817***EXAMPLE 2** Find the surface area of a pyramid**Find the surface area of the regular hexagonal pyramid.**

First, find the area of the base using the formula for the area of a regular polygon,  $\frac{1}{2}aP$ . The apothem  $a$  of the hexagon is  $6\sqrt{3}$  feet and the perimeter  $P$  is  $6 \cdot 12 = 72$  feet. So, the area of the base  $B$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(6\sqrt{3})(72) = 216\sqrt{3}$  square feet. Then, find the surface area.



$$S = B + \frac{1}{2}Pl$$

Formula for surface area of a regular pyramid

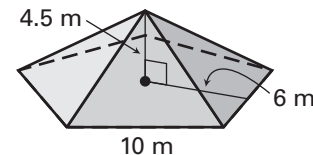
$$S = 216\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}(72)(18) \approx 1022.12$$

Substitute known values and simplify.

The surface area of the regular hexagonal pyramid is about 1022.12 square feet.

**Exercises for Examples 1 and 2**

- Find the area of each lateral face of the regular pentagonal pyramid shown.
- Find the surface area of the regular pentagonal pyramid shown.

**EXAMPLE 3** Find the lateral area and surface area of a cone**Find the lateral area and surface area of the cone.**

To find the slant height  $l$ , use the Pythagorean Theorem.

$$l^2 = 12^2 + 9^2 = 225, \text{ so } l \approx 15 \text{ inches.}$$

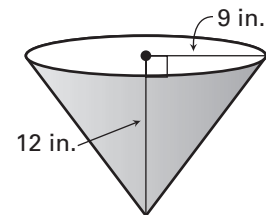
Find the lateral area.

$$\text{Lateral area} = \pi r l = \pi(9)(15) \approx 424.1$$

Find the surface area.

$$S = \pi r^2 + \pi r l = \pi(9)^2 + \pi(9)(15) = 216\pi \approx 678.6$$

The lateral area of the right cone is about 424.1 square inches and the surface area is about 678.6 square inches.

**Exercises for Example 3**

- Find the lateral area of the right cone shown.
- Find the surface area of the right cone shown.

