Grade 5 Unit 1
Lesson 4
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Unit 1 Lesson 4: Use Layers to Determine Volume

WU Estimation Exploration: How Many Cubes? (Warm up)
Student Task Statement


About how many cubes were used to build this prism?
Record an estimate that is:

| too low | about right | too high |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |

Activity Synthesis


## 1 Layers in Rectangular Prisms

## Student Task Statement



1. Complete the table. Be prepared to explain your reasoning.

| prism | number of cubes in one layer | number of layers | volume |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A |  |  |  |
| B |  |  |  |
| C |  |  |  |
| D |  |  |  |

## Prism A



Prism B


Prism C


Prism D

2. Find the volume of each prism. Explain or show your reasoning.

Prism E


Prism F

3. How can you find the volume of any rectangular prism?

## 2 Finding Volume in Different Ways

## Student Task Statement



1. Explain or show how the expression $5 \times 24$ represents the volume of this rectangular prism.
2. Explain or show how the expression $6 \times 20$ represents the volume of this rectangular prism.
3. Find a different way to calculate the volume of this rectangular prism. Explain or show your thinking.
4. Write an expression to represent the way you calculated the volume.
