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## Which Prism Holds the Most?

1. The boxes shown below are examples of rectangular prisms. Note that they are not drawn to scale, so you must look at their dimensions in the chart. Circle the box that you think would hold the most. Explain your choice.

A

B

C


| Rectangular <br> Prism | Length (cm) | Width (cm) | Height (cm) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| B | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| C | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| D | 12 | 2 | 2 |

2. Rank of the prisms from greatest to least by estimated volume.

3. How can you calculate the exact volume of each rectangular prism?
4. Test your estimates by calculating the volume of each prism. Record your calculations in the chart, including the correct unit of measurement for volume, and rank the prisms from greatest to least by actual volume.

| Rectangular <br> Prism | Actual <br> volume | Rank G to L by <br> actual volume |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A |  |  |
| B |  |  |
| C |  |  |
| D |  |  |

5. Which of the actual volumes surprised you? Explain.
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6. Which two prisms were closest in volume? $\qquad$
