

Cubing



Description: Cubing is a strategy which uses a concrete visual of a cube with its six sides to serve as a starting point for consideration of the multiple dimensions of topics within subject areas. **This activity can also be done using dice with numbers 1-6. Students (usually in groups) can take turns rolling the dice and whatever number it lands on, the student will answer that particular question. It should be done in groups of 3-6 students, with a recap of the responses for the class.**

Application: To introduce cubing, start with a familiar topic and model the process. Then, assign more complex topics once students have a grasp of how the process works. The students examine the topic using the prompts from the six sides of the cube.

1. **Describe it**

If applicable, include color, shape, and size.

How would you describe the item/concept/topic?

2. **Compare it**

What it is similar to or different from.

“It’s sort of like _____.”

3. **Associate it**

What it makes you think of.

How does the topic connect to other concept/subjects?

4. **Analyze it**

Tell how it is made or what it is composed of.

How would you break the problem/concept into smaller parts?

5. **Apply it**

Tell how it can be used.

How does it help you understand other topics/concepts?

6. **Argue for/against it**

Take a stand and support it.

I am for this because _____.

This works because _____.

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Topic: _____

1. **Describe it:**

What does it look like?

2. **Compare it:**

What is it similar to or different from?

3. **Associate it:**

What does it make you think of?

4. **Analyze it:**

How is it made or what is it composed of?

5. **Apply it:**

What can you do with it? How is it used?

6. **Argue for or against it:**

Take a stand and list reasons for supporting or not supporting it.

I am for this because. . . .

I am not for this because. . . .

This works because. . . .

This does not work because. . . .

I agree because. . . .

I disagree because. . . .

Algebra II/Trig H – Cubing

Prerequisite Unit

Real Numbers	Factors	Domain
Real number line	Exponential form	Equivalent expressions
Inequality	Scientific Notation	Rational expression
Absolute value	Principal n^{th} root	Complex fractions
Variables	Index	Rectangular coordinate system
Algebraic expressions	Radicand	Ordered pair
Coefficient	Simplest form	Distance formula
Evaluate	Conjugate	Midpoint formula
Additive inverse	Polynomial	
Multiplicative inverse	Degree of a polynomial	

Unit 1: Equations and Inequalities

Equations in two variables	Linear equation in one variable	Complex conjugates
Solution of equation in two variables	Equivalent equations	Principal square root of a negative number
Graphs of an equation	Extraneous solution	Polynomial equation
Intercepts	Quadratic equation	Solution of an inequality
Symmetry	Quadratic Formula	Graph of an inequality
Identity equation	Discriminant	Linear inequality in one variable
Circle	Position equation	Double Inequality
Solution of equation in one variable	Complex number	Critical numbers
Conditional equation	Imaginary number	Test intervals
	Pure imaginary number	

Unit 2: Functions and Their Graphs

Linear equation in two variables	Independent variable	Relative maximum
Slope	Dependent variable	Even function
Slope-intercept form	Implied domain	Odd function
Point-slope form	Graph of a function	Vertical and horizontal shifts
Parallel	Vertical Line Test	Reflection
Perpendicular	Zeros of a function	Nonrigid transformations
Function	Increasing function	Inverse function
Domain	Decreasing function	Horizontal Line Test
Range	Constant function	One-to-One functions
	Relative minimum	

Unit 3: Polynomial Functions

Polynomial function	Intermediate Value Theorem	Descarte's Rule of Signs
Parabola	Division Algorithm	Variation in sign
Axis (of a parabola)	Improper (rational expression)	Upper bound
Vertex (of a parabola)	Proper (rational expression)	Lower bound
Standard form of a quadratic function	Synthetic division	Directly proportional
Continuous	Rational Zero Test	Constant of variation
Leading Coefficient Test	Conjugates	Inversely proportional
Repeated zero	Irreducible over the reals	Jointly proportional
Multiplicity		Sum of square differences
		Least squares regression line

Unit 4: Rational Functions and Conics

Rational function	Parabola	Standard form of the equation of an ellipse
Vertical asymptote	Directrix	Hyperbola
Horizontal asymptote	Focus	Branches
Slant (or oblique) asymptote	Standard form of the equation of a parabola	Transverse axis
Partial fraction decomposition	Ellipse	Standard form of the equation of a hyperbola
Basic equation	Foci	Conjugate axis
Conic section or conic	Vertices	Asymptotes of a hyperbola
Degenerate conic	Major axis	
	Center	
	Minor axis	

Unit 5: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Algebraic functions	Logarithmic function with base a	Gaussian model
Transcendental functions	Common logarithmic function	Logistic growth model
Exponential function f with base a	Natural logarithmic function	Logarithmic models
Natural base	Exponential growth model	Bell-shaped curve
Natural exponential function	Exponential decay model	Logistic curve
Continuous compounding		Sigmoidal curve

Unit 6: Trigonometry

Trigonometry	Supplementary angles	Angle of elevation
Angle	Central angle	Angle of depression
Initial side (of an angle)	Radian	Reference angles
Terminal side (of an angle)	Linear speed	Period
Vertex (of an angle)	Angular speed	Amplitude
Standard position	Sine	Phase shift
Coterminal angles	Cosine	Damping factor
Degree	Tangent	Inverse sine function
Acute angles	Cosecant	Inverse cosine function
Obtuse angles	Secant	Inverse tangent function
Complementary angles	Cotangent	Simple harmonic motion

Unit 7: Analytic Trigonometry

Sum and difference formulas	Double-angle formulas	Product-to-sum formulas
Reduction formulas	Power-reducing formulas	Sum-to-product formulas
	Half-angle formulas	

Unit 8: Additional Topics in Trigonometry

Oblique triangle	Zero vector	Orthogonal vectors
Law of Sines	Magnitude of \mathbf{v}	Work
Law of Cosines	Unit vector	Complex plane
Directed line segment	Parallelogram law	Real axis
Initial point	Resultant	Imaginary axis
Terminal point	Standard unit vectors	Absolute value of a complex number
Magnitude of a directed line segment	Linear combination of vectors	Trigonometric form of a complex number
Vector \mathbf{v} in the plane	Direction angle	n^{th} root of a complex number
Standard position	Dot product	n^{th} roots of unity
Component form of a vector \mathbf{v}	Angle between two nonzero vectors	

Unit 9: Systems of Equations and Inequalities

System of equations	Inconsistent systems	Linear inequalities
Solution of a system of equations	Row-echelon form	Solution of a system of inequalities
Method of substitution	Ordered triple	Consumer surplus
Graphical method	Row operations	Producer surplus
Points of intersection	Gaussian elimination	Optimization
Break-even point	Nonsquare system of equations	Linear programming
Method of elimination	Position equation	Objective function
Equivalent systems	Solution of an inequality	Constraints
Consistent systems	Graph of an inequality	Feasible solutions

Unit 10: Matrices and Determinants

Matrix	Coefficient matrix	Zero matrix
Entry of a matrix	Elementary row operations	Matrix multiplication
Order of a matrix	Row-equivalent matrices	Identity matrix of order n
Square matrix	Row-echelon form	Inverse of a matrix
Main diagonal	Reduced row-echelon form	Determinant
Row matrix	Gauss-Jordan elimination	Minors
Column matrix	Scalars	Cofactors
Augmented matrix	Scalar multiple	Cramer's Rule

Unit 11: Sequences, Series and Probability

Infinite series	Common ratio	Experiment
Terms of a sequence	Geometric series	Outcomes
Finite sequence	Mathematical induction	Sample space
Factorial	Binomial coefficients	Event
Summation or sigma notation	Binomial Theorem	Probability
Finite series	Fundamental Counting Principle	Mutually exclusive
Infinite series	Permutation	Independent events
Arithmetic sequence	Distinguishable permutations	Complement of an event
Common difference	Combination	
Geometric sequence		