## Spatial

Visualization
Let's Learn about Spatial Vis!


## Example spatial visualization quiz question



1. Imagine rotating the top left (white) shape to look like the top right shape
2. Then imagine rotating the middle (gray) shape the same way
3. How would it look? Pick from the three choices provided

What is the correct answer?

## ACTIVITY 1:

Connect the Dots: Isometric Drawings and Coded Plans

## Depicting a 3-D Cube

## Isometric view of a cube $\boldsymbol{K}$

Non-isometric view of a cube $\mathbf{~}$


- Corner angles are not equal
- Sides have different areas
- Sides connect in a corner
- All corner angles are equal $\left(120^{\circ}\right)$
- Sides are the same size
- Shown on triangle-dot paper


## Isometric Drawing Example

Isometric means "equal measure"

A house depicted isometrically using AutoCAD $\rightarrow$

Useful for blueprints and design plans

Think of the cube:


- Equal side faces
- Equal corner angles $\left(120^{\circ}\right)$
- Triangle-dot paper: dots are $120^{\circ}$ from each other



## Coded Plans

Click to reveal the solution

Once all partners' eyes are closed, click the mouse or keyboard to reveal the image...
$\uparrow$ Describe this image for your non-seeing partner to draw

## Isometric Views



Tips:

- Define your axes on the object and isometric paper
- Align paper in "landscape" orientation
- Only draw lines where there are edges


## Isometric Views



Click to reveal

## Coded Plans > to Isometric Views




Tips:

- Define your axes on a coded plan and isometric paper
- Start drawing from perspective


## Coded Plans to Isometric Views

Click mouse/keyboard to reveal the possible solutions


## Isometric Views: Extra Credit



4 views of the same multi-cube object


Two capital letters
drawn isometrically

## Activity 2:

## Seeing All Sides: Orthographic Drawings

## Orthographic Drawings



What are the three main orthographic views of an object?

## Orthographic Drawings

Also called:
"multiview" drawings


## Orthographic Drawings



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Engineering examples


## Orthographic Drawings

Tips:


- Draw views in order (top $\rightarrow$ front $\rightarrow$ side)
- Draw lines where there are edges (changes in plane)
- Use dotted lines to show hidden edges
- Solid lines trump dotted lines

Orthographic Drawings


FRONT



Your Turn:

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| A | - |
| J |  |
| z |  |



## ACTIVITY 3:

## Let's Take a Spin: One-Axis Rotations

## One-Axis Rotations



Can you find the rotation of the gray object that is analogous to the rotation of the white object?


## One-Axis Rotations

Three positive axes, $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$ and z .
$X=$ horizontal axis
$Y=$ vertical axis
$\mathrm{Z}=$ axis coming towards us


## One-Axis Rotations

How to do the right-hand rule

- Point your thumb parallel to the axis you are rotating about and curve your fingers naturally towards the palm of your hand
- Your fingers will move in the same way that the object will move



## One-Axis Rotations


original object position


Tips:

- Right-hand rule!
- Clockwise = negative rotation; counter-clockwise = positive rotation
- $90^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}, 270^{\circ}$ rotations only
- Think of a "flag around a flagpole"


## ACTIVITY 4:

New Perspectives:
Two-Axis Rotations

## Two-Axis Rotations



Can you find the rotation of the gray object that is analogous to the rotation of the white object?

is rotated to:


## Two-Axis Rotations


original object position

Tips:

- Use the right-hand rule!
- Clockwise = negative rotation
- Counter-clockwise = positive rotation
- Two-axis rotation is NOT commutative (order matters!)
$+x-+2$


## Write a Rule Approach

1. Pick a side
2. Find the same side after rotation
3. Write a "rule"!
4. Pick the same side on a new object
5. Follow your rule
6. Compare to answers

is rotated to:

