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VOLUME OF A SQUARE BASE PYRAMID SHEET 2

Use the base edge and perpendicular height measurements to find the volume of these square base pyramids.
Give your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate.

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1)	<p>Volume of a square base pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} b^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (8 \frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot 12 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (289/4) \cdot 12 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 867$ $= 289$ So the volume is 289 cm^3.</p>	289 cm^3 .
2)	<p>Volume of a square base pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} b^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (4 \frac{3}{4})^2 \cdot 9 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (361/16) \cdot 9$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (3249/16) = 1083/16 = 67.6875$ So the volume is 67.69 in^3 to 2 decimal places.</p>	67.69 in^3 to 2 decimal places
3)	<p>In this case, the base edge is 5cm and the perpendicular height is 8.5 cm. Volume of a square base pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} b^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (5)^2 \cdot 8.5 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 25 \cdot 8.5 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (425/2)$ $= 425/6 = 70.8333...$ So the volume is 70.83 cm^3 to 2 decimal places.</p>	70.83 cm^3 to 2 decimal places.
4)	<p>Volume of a square base pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} b^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (3.6)^2 \cdot 7.8 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 12.96 \cdot 7.8$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot 101.088 = 33.696$ So the volume is 33.70 cm^3 to 2 decimal places.</p>	33.70 cm^3 to 2 decimal places.
5)	<p>In this case, the base edge is 9 inches and the perpendicular height is $10 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Volume of a square base pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} b^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (9)^2 \cdot (10 \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 81 \cdot 10 \frac{1}{2}$ $= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (1701/2) = 567/2 = 283.5$ So the volume is 283.5 in^3.</p>	283.5 in^3