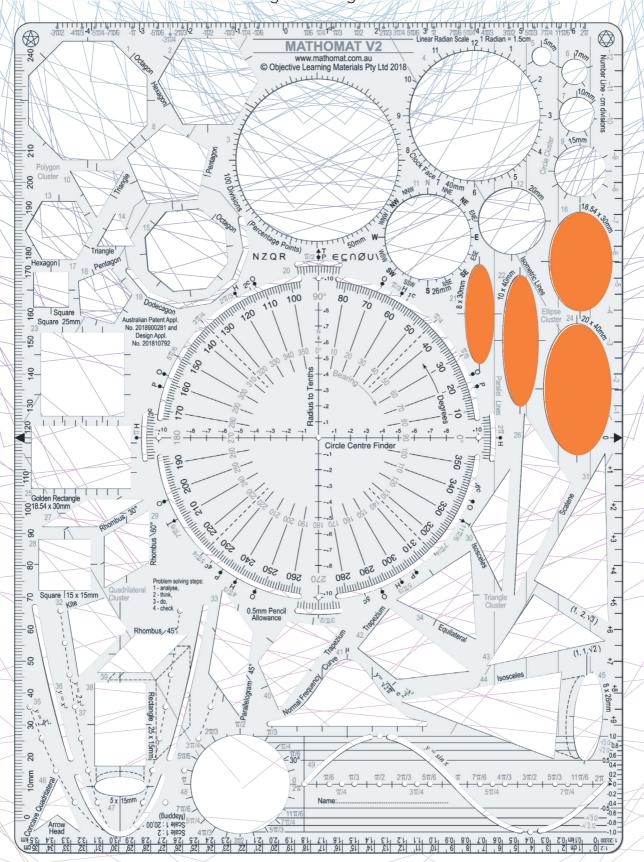
The Ellipses

Extending knowledge on curves



Ellipses Examples

Putting 3D Objects in Perspective and Euclidean Geometry

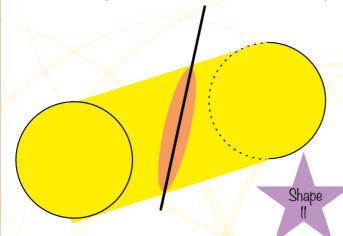
Use ellipses to draw a cylinder - the perspective is different than when circles are used. Several different 3D objects can be drawn with the ellipse combined with other shapes on the template. Shape Shape Cones Cylinders Shape 16 This sketch would not have worked if a circle was used to show the hole in the ground. The perspective is more correct when using an ellipse. Shape 11 & 21 Shape The ellipses may be used in conjunction with the Cartesian Plane. The major and minor axes are

clearly marked on the template.

Ellipses Examples

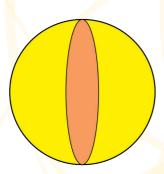
3D Objects, Cross-sections and Drawings

Cylinders and Cones look better when drawn with an ellipse than it does with a circle. Take care to explain that the base is still a circle shape - but how we see it is more like an ellipse.

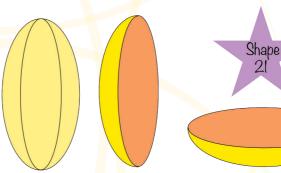


An ellipse is used to show the crosssection through a cylinder. The cross section is not perpendicular, hence the base and the face will differ. If this cross-section was perpendicular we would have had a circle-shaped face.

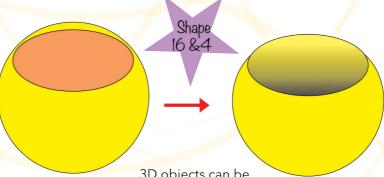
Cross-sections through various 3D objects can result in having an ellipse as a face.



The cross section through a sphere



A 3D oval is called an ellipsoid



3D objects can be drawn using the shapes on the template as a guide.

Studying the perpendicular cross-sections of 3D objects enables students to identify the base more readily. Other types of cross-sections deliver interesting results which introduces some of the functions used in Algebra.

