## Vocabulary: Surface and Lateral Areas of Pyramids and Cones

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- Cone - a three-dimensional figure with one circular base and a curved lateral surface that tapers to a point.
- The point at the top of a cone is called the apex.
- A cone that is straight up and down (apex directly above the center of the base) is right.
- A cone that is skewed (tilted to one side)


Right cone


Oblique cone is oblique.

- Height (of a pyramid or cone) - the perpendicular distance between the apex and the base.
- Lateral area - the sum of areas of the lateral surfaces of a three-dimensional figure.
- Net - a two-dimensional pattern of a three-dimensional figure that can be folded to form the figure.
- Pyramid - a three-dimensional figure with one polygonal base and lateral faces that are triangular.
- All of the triangular lateral faces meet in one point called the apex.
- The base of a pyramid determines its type.
- For example, the figures to the right have square bases and are square pyramids.
- A pyramid that is straight up and down (apex sits directly above the exact center of the base) is right.
- A pyramid that is skewed (tilted to one side) is oblique.
- Slant height - the height of each lateral face of a pyramid or lateral surface of a cone.
- The slant heights of the pyramid and cone shown to the right are both labeled $L$.


Right pyramid


Oblique pyramid


- Surface area - the sum of areas of all faces and curved surfaces of a three-dimensional figure.

