Cube in Flatland

Here you see how a sphere goes through Flatland[[1]](#footnote-2).



The Flatlanders first see a dot and then a circle that gets bigger and bigger and then smaller and finally disappears as a dot.

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What happens when a cube goes through Flatland? What will the Flatlanders see?

Think about that and sketch below what the Flatlanders see.

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Is there another possibility?

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## Cross sections of the cube with Flatland

When the cube passes through Flatland with one side, the flatlanders always see the same square.

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But what if the cube goes through Flatland in a different way what do the flatlanders see? For example, if the cube goes through with a vertex first.



You can now do a small research what shapes the cube can take when it enters Flatland. You can splice the cube in subsequent parts.

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You can use floral foam ('Oasis') to really make the different slices. And then you can sketch the shapes of the slices (cross sections) below.

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1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flatland [↑](#footnote-ref-2)