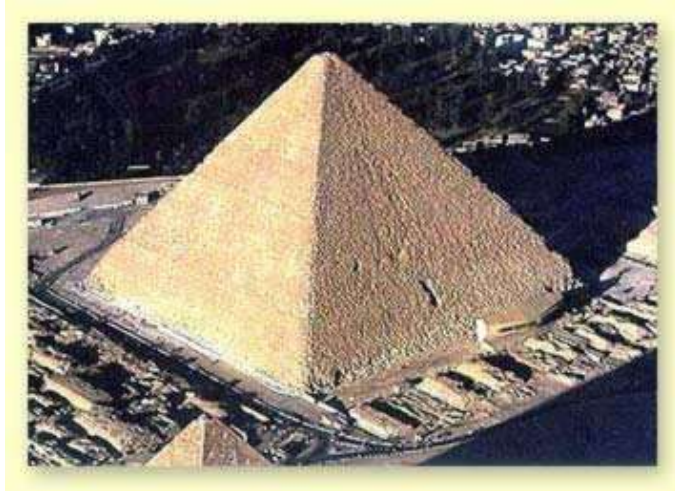


## Pyramid and sphere questions

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The Great Pyramid of Khufu has sides of length 230 m and is 147 m high  
It contains 2.4 million blocks of stone, density  $2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$

- What is the mass of each block, if they are all the same?
- The world production of concrete is  $6 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3/\text{year}$ . How many pyramids per year could this produce?

2. A few of the blocks are granite (density  $3000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) and have a mass of 70 tonnes. If they have sides in proportion 2:3:8, what are the dimensions of these blocks?  
(see proportion notes).

3. I want to build the world's tallest pyramid.

I will use high-strength concrete. This can support a weight of 130 million Newtons per square metre and has density  $2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . [A 1 kg mass has a weight on Earth of 9.81 N].

How high can my pyramid be?

(This is an exercise in writing and solving an equation. The length of the sides (use  $L$ ) should just cancel out)

4. The Moon is 2000 miles diameter.

- What are its volume and surface area?
- A recent Horizon programme suggested mining Helium 3 from the surface of the moon; there is apparently enough there to run future nuclear fusion power stations for "several hundred years". Comment on this suggestion.