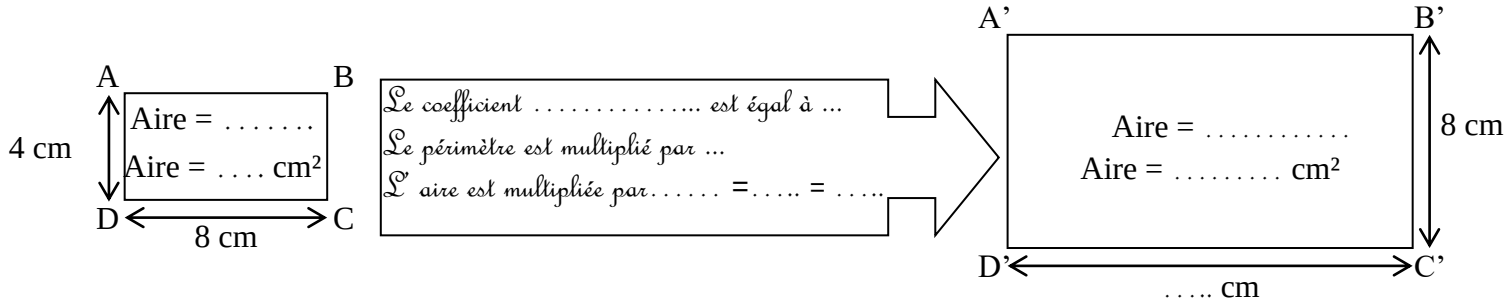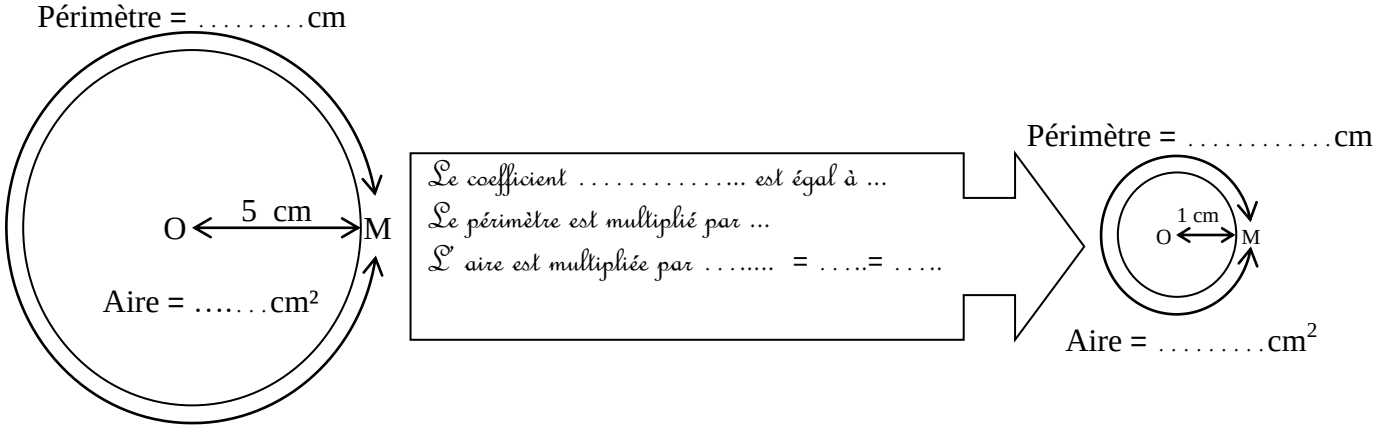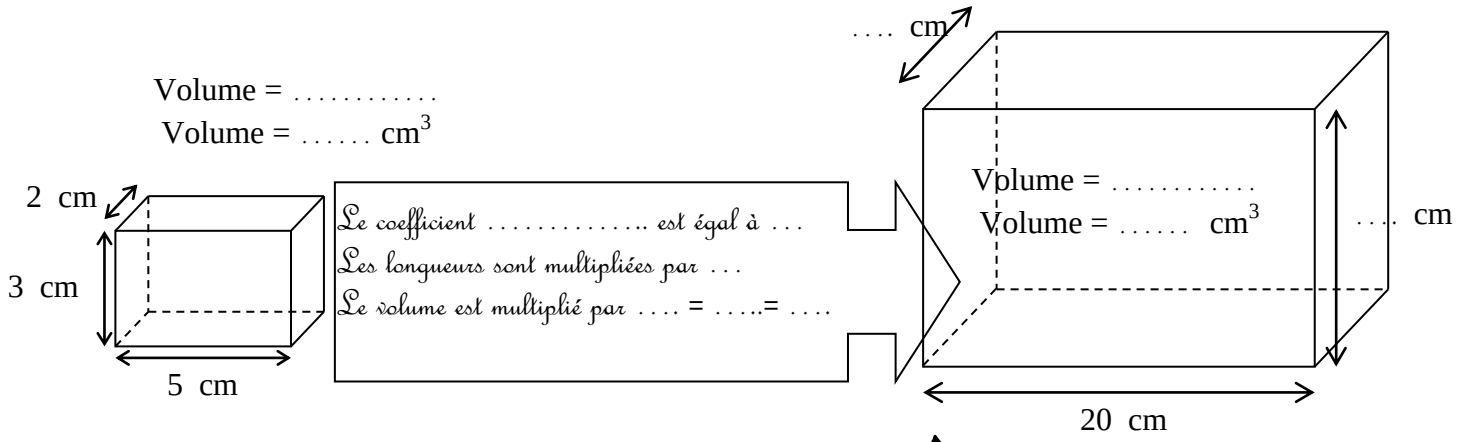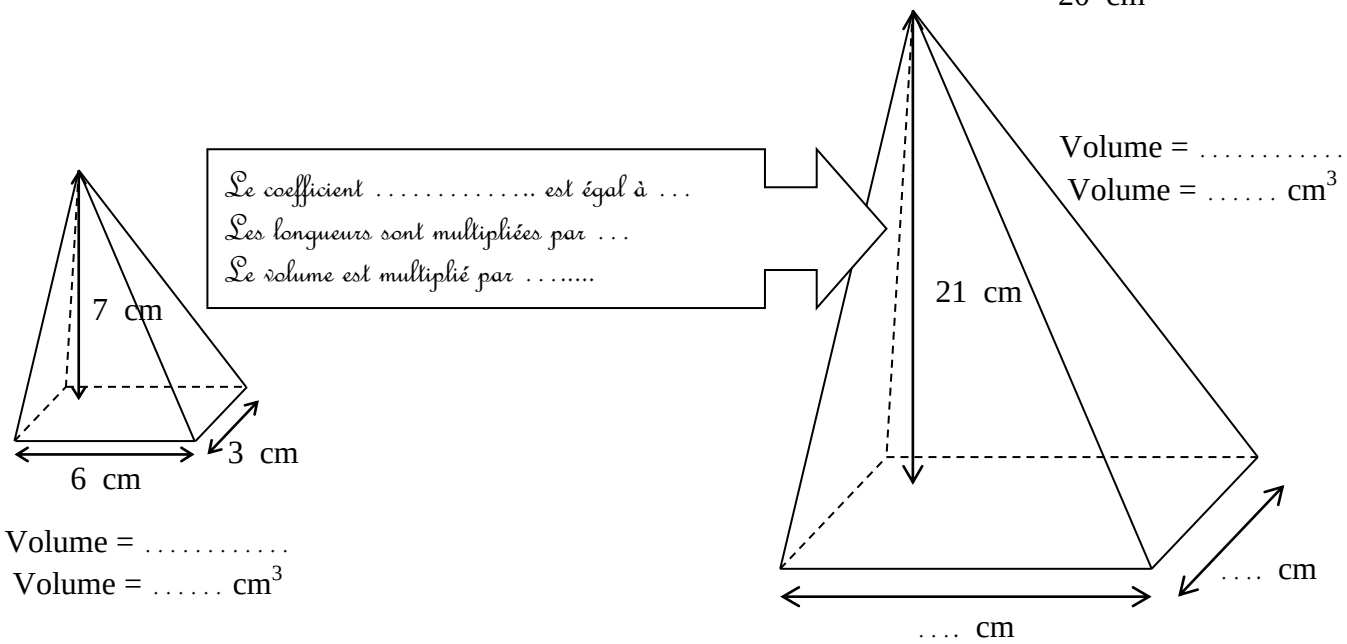b) Cas général.