



14. An equilateral triangle of side length 4 cm is divided into smaller equilateral triangles, all of which have side length equal to a whole number of centimetres. Which of the following cannot be the number of smaller triangles obtained?
- A 4 B 8 C 12 D 13 E 16

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14. C Let us define T_n to represent an equilateral triangle with side length n cm. Then an equilateral triangle of side length 4 cm can be divided into smaller equilateral triangles as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll} 1 \times T_3 \text{ and } 7 \times T_1 & 4 \times T_2 & 3 \times T_2 \text{ and } 4 \times T_1 \\ 2 \times T_2 \text{ and } 8 \times T_1 & 1 \times T_2 \text{ and } 12 \times T_1 & 16 \times T_1. \end{array}$$

The number of triangles used are: 8, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16. So it is not possible to dissect the original triangle into 12 triangles.