

Classifying Triangles

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Vocabulary

• Triangle:

A 3-sided polygon. Triangles contain 3 sides (made of line segments) and 3 interior angles. The points defining the triangle are called vertices (each being the vertex of the interior angle).

The 3 interior angles of a triangle always add up to 180 degrees.



Classifying Triangles Based on their Angles

Acute Triangle:
 A triangle having 3 acute angles

Right Triangle:
 A triangle having 1 right angle.
 The other 2 must be acute and complimentary.



Classifying Triangles Based on their Angles

• Obtuse Triangle:

A triangle having 1 obtuse angle.

The other 2 must be acute.

• Equiangular Triangle:

A triangle where all 3 angles have equal measurements, or all 3 angles are congruent.





Classifying Triangles Based on their Sides

• Scalene Triangle:

All sides have different lengths./

 Isosceles Triangle: At least 2 sides are congruent

Equilateral Triangle: All 3 sides are congruent



Angle / Side Relationships in Triangles

Angles

3 angles congruent

2 angles congruent

0 angles congruent

Sides

3 sides congruent

2 sides congruent

0 sides congruent





Right Triangle (special vocabulary)





The 2 acute angles will always be complimentary.



Triangles

Triangles are named by the 3 vertices.

We can name this triangle:



 $\triangle ABC$

 $\triangle ACB$

 $\triangle BCA$

 $\triangle BAC$

 $\triangle CAB$

 $\triangle CBA$



Triangles

In any triangle, it is important that we can identify the sides and angles that are opposite each other.



In $\triangle ABC...$

∠ A is opposite side CB

 \angle B is opposite side \overline{AC}

 $\angle C$ is opposite side \overline{AB}



Practice





Name...

- 1. An acute triangle
- 2. The hypotenuse
- 3. The vertex angle
- 4. Complimentary angles
- 5. The base
- 6. The right angle
- 7. The base angles
- 8. The legs of the isosceles triangle
- 9. The side opposite \angle DBC
- 10. The angle opposite \overline{AD}



Solve (draw it, label it, then solve it)

- 1. Isosceles triangle DOG has $\angle G$ as its vertex angle. DG = 22, DO = x + 2, GO = 3x + 4. Find x and the measure of each side of the triangle.
- 2. Given right triangle CAT, with AT⊥CT.
 m∠TAC = 4x 1, m∠ACT = 3x + 14.
 Find x and the measure of each angle.
 Classify the triangle based on its sides.
- 3. Classify the triangle given its vertices:

A(4, 2), B(7, 5), C(0, 6)

