A quadrilateral is any four-sided polygon. There are six special cases of quadrilaterals with which students should be familiar.

- **Trapezoid** – A quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides.
- **Parallelogram** – A quadrilateral with both pairs of opposite sides parallel.
- **Rectangle** – A quadrilateral with four right angles.
- **Rhombus** – A quadrilateral with four sides of equal length.
- **Square** – A quadrilateral with four right angles and four sides of equal length.
- **Kite** – A quadrilateral with two distinct pairs of consecutive sides of equal length.

**Names of Basic Angles**

Acute angles are angles with measures between (but not including) 0° and 90°, right angles measure 90°, and obtuse angles measure between (but not including) 90° and 180°. A straight angle measures 180°.

Students use protractors to measure the size of angles.

For more information see the Math Notes box in Lesson 8.3.1 of the *Core Connections, Course 2* text.
Example 1

For the figure at right, describe the quadrilateral using all terms that are appropriate.

It is a rectangle since it has four right angles.
It is a parallelogram since it has two pairs of parallel sides.
It is also a trapezoid since it has at least one pair of parallel sides.

Example 2

Describe the angle at right as right, obtuse or acute. Estimate the size of the angle and then use a protractor to measure the angle. It may be necessary to trace the angle and extend the sides.

This angle opens narrower than a right angle so it is acute. Using a protractor shows that the angle measures 60°.

Problems

For each figure, describe the quadrilateral using all terms that are appropriate. Assume that sides that look parallel are parallel.

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6.
Describe the angles below as right, obtuse or acute. Estimate the size of the angle and then use a protractor to measure the angle.

7. acute, 25°
8. obtuse, 110°
9. obtuse, 153°
10. right, 90°
11. acute, 80°
12. acute, 82°
Properties of Angle Pairs

Intersecting lines form four angles. The pairs of angles across from each other are called vertical angles. The measures of vertical angles are equal.

\[ \angle x \text{ and } \angle y \text{ are vertical angles} \]
\[ \angle w \text{ and } \angle z \text{ are vertical angles} \]

If the sum of the measures of two angles is exactly 180°, then the angles are called supplementary angles.

\[ \angle c \text{ and } \angle d \text{ are supplementary angles} \]

If the sum of the measures of two angles is exactly 90°, then the angles are called complementary angles.

\[ \angle a \text{ and } \angle b \text{ are complementary angles} \]

Angles that share a vertex and one side but have no common interior points (that is, do not overlap each other) are called adjacent angles.

\[ \angle m \text{ and } \angle n \text{ are adjacent angles} \]

For additional information, see the Math Notes box in Lesson 8.3.2 of the Core Connections, Course 2 text.
Example 1

Find the measure of the missing angles if \( \angle 3 = 50^\circ \).

- \( m \angle 1 = m \angle 3 \) (vertical angles)
  \( \Rightarrow m \angle 1 = 50^\circ \)
- \( \angle 2 \) and \( \angle 3 \) (supplementary angles)
  \( \Rightarrow m \angle 2 = 180^\circ - 50^\circ = 130^\circ \)
- \( m \angle 2 = m \angle 4 \) (vertical angles)
  \( \Rightarrow m \angle 4 = 130^\circ \)

Example 2

Classify each pair of angles below as vertical, supplementary, complementary, or adjacent.

a. \( \angle 1 \) and \( \angle 2 \) are adjacent and supplementary
b. \( \angle 2 \) and \( \angle 3 \) are complementary
c. \( \angle 3 \) and \( \angle 5 \) are adjacent
d. \( \angle 1 \) and \( \angle 4 \) are adjacent and supplementary
e. \( \angle 2 \) and \( \angle 4 \) are vertical

Problems

Find the measure of each angle labeled with a variable.

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\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c}
\angle a = 80^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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2.

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\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c}
\angle b = 35^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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3.

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\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c}
\angle c = 75^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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4.

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\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c}
\angle f = 40^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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5.

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\begin{array}{c}
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\angle g = 120^\circ \\
\angle h = 50^\circ \\
\angle i = 110^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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6.

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\begin{array}{c}
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\angle j = 75^\circ \\
\angle k = 115^\circ \\
\angle l = 105^\circ \\
\angle m = 140^\circ \\
\angle n = 105^\circ \\
\angle p = 105^\circ \\
\end{array}
\end{array}
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Answers

1. \( m \angle a = 100^\circ \)
2. \( m \angle b = 55^\circ \)
3. \( m \angle c = 105^\circ \)
   \( m \angle d = 75^\circ \)
   \( m \angle e = 105^\circ \)
4. \( m \angle f = 50^\circ \)
5. \( m \angle g = 60^\circ \)
   \( m \angle h = 50^\circ \)
   \( m \angle i = 70^\circ \)
6. \( m \angle j = 75^\circ \)
   \( m \angle k = 65^\circ \)
   \( m \angle l = 40^\circ \)
   \( m \angle m = 140^\circ \)
   \( m \angle n = 105^\circ \)
   \( m \angle p = 105^\circ \)