

Lesson 12

Angles. Triangles. Parentheses.

REVIEW

An angle is formed when two rays meet at a common endpoint. The rays are called the *sides* of the angle and their common point is called the *vertex* of the angle.



On the pictures above first angle is called the angle B and is denoted as ∠B or ∠ABC or ∠CBA (the vertex is always in the middle). The angle ∠ABC is an acute angle.
The second angle is called the angle R and is denoted as ∠R, ∠QRC or ∠CRQ. This is an obtuse angle.

Adjacent angles: Two angles are Adjacent when they have a common side and a common vertex (corner point) and don't overlap. In the example at right, $\angle ABC$ and $\angle CBD$ are adjacent angles.







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Supplementary angles: Two angles A and B for which $A + B = 180^{\circ}$. Each angle is called the supplement of the other. In the example at left, angles A and B are **supplementary**. Supplementary angles are often adjacent. For example, since $\angle LMN$ is a straight angle, then $\angle LMP$ and $\angle PMN$ are supplementary angles because $\angle LMP + \angle PMN = 180^{\circ}$.









What's with all the Triangles? They seem to be everywhere. The Triangle has a rich and complex history and has, since early civilizations, been the symbol of the trilogy (or "triad") that makes all existence possible.

Triangles are among the most important objects studied in mathematics owing to the rich mathematical theory built up around them in **Euclidean geometry** and **trigonometry**, and also to their applicability in such areas as astronomy, architecture, engineering, physics, navigation, and surveying.

The origins of right triangle geometry can be traced back to 3000 BC in Ancient Egypt. The Egyptians used special right triangles to survey land by measuring out 3-4-5 right triangles to make right angles. The Egyptians most studied specific examples of right triangles. Ancient builders and surveyors needed to be able to construct right angles in the field on



demand. The method employed by the Egyptians earned them the name "rope pullers" in Greece, apparently because they employed a rope for laying out their construction guidelines. One way that they could have employed a rope to construct right triangles was to mark a looped rope with knots so that, when held at the knots and pulled tight, the rope must form a right triangle.

The simplest way to perform the trick is to take a rope that

is 12 units long, make knot 3 units from one end and another 5 units from the other end, and then knot the ends together to form a loop. Try to make one yourself.

