Properties of Shapes - Year 6

Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

angle

right angle

acute

obtuse

reflex

protractor

horizontal

vertical

parallel

perpendicular

polygon

regular

irregular

two-dimensional

three-dimensional

flat face

curved surface

edge

curved edge

vertex

vertices

apex

radius

diameter

circumference

Angle Types



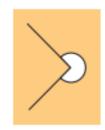
Acute Angles

Any angle that measures less than 90° is called an acute angle.



Obtuse Angles

Any angle that measures greater than 90° and less than 180° is called an **obtuse** angle.



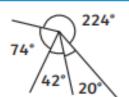
Reflex Angles

Any angle that measures greater than 180° is called a **reflex** angle.

Calculating Angles

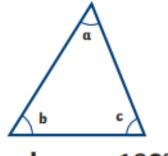


Angles on a straight line always total 180°.



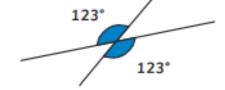
Angles around a point always total 360°.



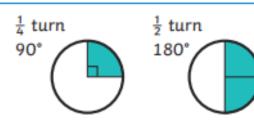


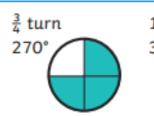
 $a + b + c = 180^{\circ}$

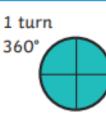
50° 50°



Opposite angles that share a vertex are equal.

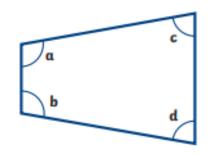






Multiples of 90° can be used as descriptions of a turn.

Angles in a Quadrilateral



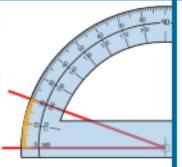
 $a + b + c + d = 360^{\circ}$

Using a Protractor

Place the cross or circle at the point of the angle you are measuring.

Read from the zero on the outer scale of your protractor.

Count the degree lines carefully.

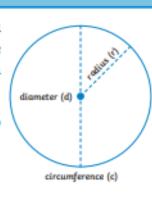


Parts of Circles

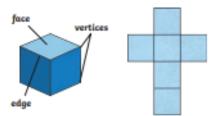
A circle is a 2D shape. The perimeter of a circle is called the **circumference** (c). The distance across the circle, passing through the centre, is called the **diameter** (d).

The distance from the centre of the circle to the circumference is called the **radius** (r).

$$\frac{d}{2} = r$$



Nets of 3D Shapes



A shape net shows which
2D shapes can be folded and
joined to make a 3D shape.
When you are drawing a
net, or solving a problem
involving a shape net, think
carefully about where the
edges of the faces meet.

Angles in Regular Polygons

As the number of sides of a polygon increases by one, the total of the interior angles increases by 180°. When n = number of sides, this formula can be used to find the size of each angle in a **regular polygon**:

Sum of Interior Angles =
$$(n - 2) \times 180^{\circ}$$

Each Angle =
$$(n-2) \times 180^{\circ}$$



Pentagon



Hexagon

Properties of 3D Shapes

3D shapes have three dimensions - length, width and depth.

A **polyhedron** is a 3D shape with flat faces. Spheres, cylinders and cones are not polyhedrons as they have curved surfaces.

Cube	6 square faces 12 edges 8 vertices	Tetrahedron	4 triangular faces 6 edges 4 vertices	Sphere	1 curved surface 0 edges 0 vertices
Cuboid	6 faces 12 edges 8 vertices	Octahedron	8 faces 12 edges 6 vertices	Triangular pri	sm 5 faces 9 edges 6 vertices
Square-based p	pyramid 5 faces 8 edges 5 vertices	Cone	1 circular face 1 curved surface 1 curved edge 1 apex	Cylinder	2 circular faces 1 curved surface 2 curved edges 0 vertices