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# Properties of isosceles and equilateral triangles.

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Recall that an isosceles triangle has at least two congruent sides. The congruent sides are called the **legs**. The **vertex angle** is the angle formed by the legs. The side opposite the vertex angle is called the **base**, and the **base angles** are the two angles that have the base as a side.

 $\angle 3$  is the vertex angle.

 $\angle 1$  and  $\angle 2$  are the base angles.



7	Theorems Isosceles Triangle						
	THEOREM		HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION			
	4-8-1	<b>Isosceles Triangle Theorem</b> If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles opposite the sides are congruent.	B C	∠ <b>B</b> ≅ ∠ <b>C</b>			
	4-8-2	<b>Converse of Isosceles</b> <b>Triangle Theorem</b> If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides opposite those angles are congruent.		DE ≅ DF			

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#### **Reading Math**

The Isosceles Triangle Theorem is sometimes stated as "Base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent."

#### **Example 2A: Finding the Measure of an Angle**

Find m $\angle F$ .  $m \angle F = m \angle D = x^{\circ}$  Isosc.  $\triangle$  Thm. Ε  $m \angle F + m \angle D + m \angle A = 180 \ \Delta Sum Thm.$ x + x + 22 = 180 Substitute the given values. 2x = 158 Simplify and subtract 22 from both sides.  $x = 79^{\circ}$  Divide both sides by 2.

Thus m $\angle F = 79^{\circ}$ 

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#### **Example 2B: Finding the Measure of an Angle**

#### Find m∠*G*.

 $m \angle J = m \angle G$  Isosc.  $\triangle$  Thm.



Substitute the given values. Simplify x from both sides. Divide both sides by 2.

Thus  $m \angle G = 22^{\circ} + 44^{\circ} = 66^{\circ}$ .



#### **Check It Out! Example 2A**



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#### **Check It Out! Example 2B**

#### Find m $\angle N$ .

 $m \angle P = m \angle N$  Isosc.  $\triangle$  Thm.



Substitute the given values. Subtract 6y and sides. Divide both sides by 2.

Thus  $m \angle N = 6(8) = 48^{\circ}$ .

Ca	Corollary 4-8-3 Equilateral Triangle					
	CORO	LLARY	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION		
	If a triangle is equila equiangular. (equilateral △ – 《	ateral, then it is → equiangular △)	B	∠ <b>A</b> ≅ ∠ <b>B</b> ≅ ∠C		

4	Corollary 4-8-4 Equiangular Triangle						
	CORO	LLARY	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION			
	If a triangle is equiangular, then it is equilateral. $(equiangular \bigtriangleup \rightarrow equilateral \bigtriangleup)$			$\overline{DE} \cong \overline{DF} \cong \overline{EF}$			

## **4-8** Isosceles and Equilateral Triangles Example 3A: Using Properties of Equilateral Triangles

#### Find the value of x.

 $\Delta LKM$  is equilateral.

Equilateral  $\Delta \rightarrow$  equiangular  $\Delta$ 



- $(2x + 32)^{\circ} = 60^{\circ}$
- The measure of each  $\angle$  of an equiangular  $\Delta$  is 60°.
- 2x = 28 Subtract 32 both sides.
  - x = 14 Divide both sides by 2.

## **4-8** Isosceles and Equilateral Triangles Example 3B: Using Properties of Equilateral Triangles

#### Find the value of y.

 $\Delta NPO$  is equiangular.

Equiangular  $\Delta \rightarrow$  equilateral  $\Delta$ 

$$5y - 6$$

$$4y + 12$$

$$N - P$$

$$5y-6=4y+12$$

Definition of equilateral  $\Delta$ .

y = 18

Subtract 4y and add 6 to both sides.



#### **Check It Out! Example 3**

#### Find the value of JL.

 $\Delta JKL$  is equiangular.

Equiangular  $\Delta \rightarrow$  equilateral  $\Delta$ 

4t - 8 = 2t + 1

Definition of equilateral Δ.

2t = 9

Subtract 4y and add 6 to both sides.

t = 4.5 Divide both sides by 2.

Thus JL = 2(4.5) + 1 = 10.

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#### Lesson Quiz: Part I

#### Find each angle measure.

- **1.** m∠*R* 28°
- **2.** m∠*P* 124°



#### Find each value.









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#### **Lesson Quiz: Part II**

6. The vertex angle of an isosceles triangle measures (a + 15)°, and one of the base angles measures 7a°. Find a and each angle measure.

*a* = 11; 26°; 77°; 77°

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# HOMEWORK

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