Classify Triangles by Angles

Essential Question How can you classify triangles by the size of their angles?

Unlock the Problem

A triangle is a polygon with three sides and three angles. You can name a triangle by the vertices of its angles.

Triangle	Possible Names	
A	$\triangle ABC$	$\triangle ACB$
	\triangle <i>BCA</i>	\triangle <i>BAC</i>
B	$\triangle CAB$	$\triangle \mathit{CBA}$

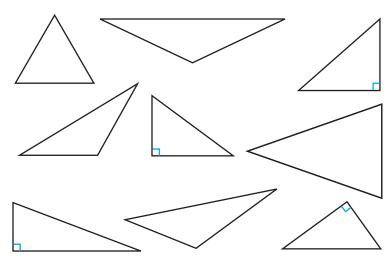
Read Math When you see " $\triangle ABC$," say "triangle ABC."

An angle of a triangle can be right, acute, or obtuse.

Activity 1 Identify right, acute, and obtuse angles in triangles.

Materials ■ color pencils

Use the Triangle Color Guide to color the triangles below.



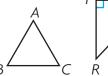
Triangle Color Guide		
RED	one right angle	
BLUE	one obtuse angle	
ORANGE	three acute angles	

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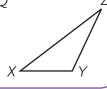
Look for Structure Can a triangle have more than one obtuse angle? Explain.

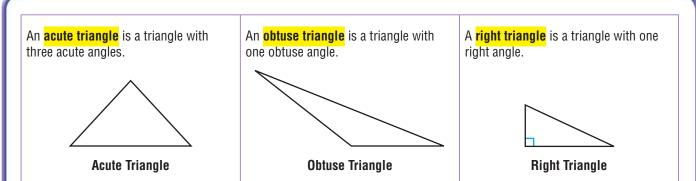
Try This!

- **a.** Name the triangle with one right angle. ___
- **b.** Name the triangle with one obtuse angle. _
- **c.** Name the triangle with three acute angles. ___



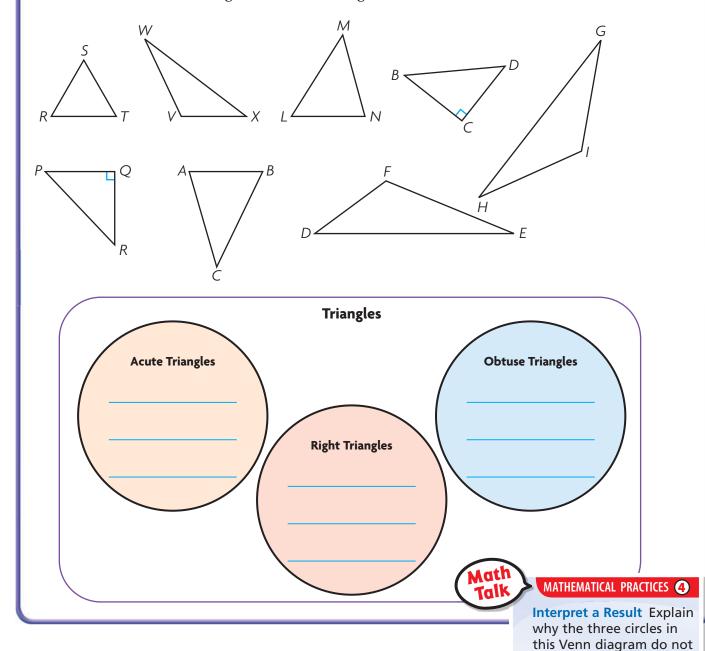






Activity 2 Use a Venn diagram to classify triangles.

Write the names of the triangles in the Venn diagram.



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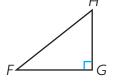
overlap.

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1. Name the triangle. Tell whether each angle is *acute*, *right*, or *obtuse*.

A name for the triangle is _____.



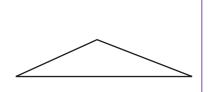
 $\angle F$ is _____.

 $\angle G$ is _____.

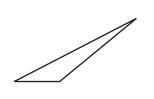
 $\angle H$ is _____.

Classify each triangle. Write acute, right, or obtuse.

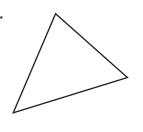
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On Your Own

Classify each triangle. Write acute, right, or obtuse.

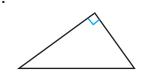
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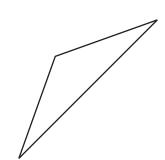
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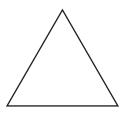


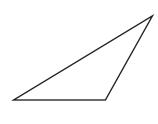
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8. THINKSMARTER Cross out the figure that does not belong. Explain.











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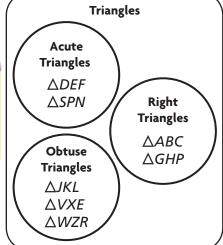


Use the Venn diagram for 9-10.

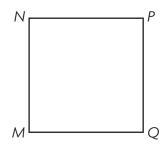
9. THINK SMARTER Which triangles do NOT have an obtuse angle? Explain.



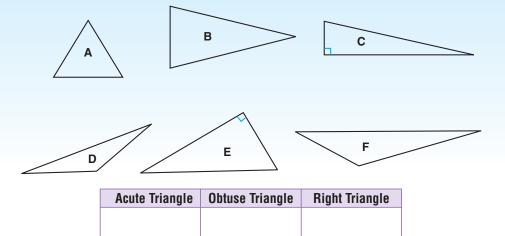
10. MATHEMATICAL **6** How many triangles have *at least* two acute angles? Explain.



11. GODEEPER Use the square shown at the right. Draw a line segment from point *M* to point *P*. Name and classify the triangles formed by the line segment.

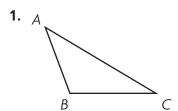


Write the letter of the triangle under its correct classification.



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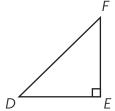
Classify each triangle. Write acute, right, or obtuse.



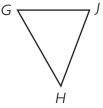
Think: Angles *A* and *C* are both acute. Angle *B* is obtuse.

obtuse

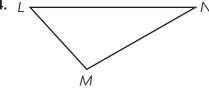
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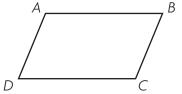
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5. Use figure *ABCD* below. Draw a line segment from point *B* to point *D*. Name and classify the triangles formed.



6. WRITE Math Draw and label an example of a right triangle, an acute triangle, and an obtuse triangle.

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Lesson Check (4.G.A.2)

1. Stephen drew this triangle. How many obtuse angles does the triangle have?



2. Joan was asked to draw a right triangle. How many right angles are in a right triangle?

Spiral Review (4.0A.B.4, 4.NBT.B.5, 4.NF.C.5, 4.G.A.1)

3. Oliver drew the figure below to show light traveling from the Sun to Earth. Name the figure he drew.



4. Armon added $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{8}{100}$. What is the sum of these fractions?

- **5.** Sam counted out loud by 6s. Jorge counted out loud by 8s. What are the first three numbers both Sam and Jorge said?
- **6.** A basketball team averaged 105 points per game. How many points did the team score in 6 games?