

Challenge Problems

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Module 8 Points, Lines, Angles, and Triangles
Lesson 4 Triangles

Set 1

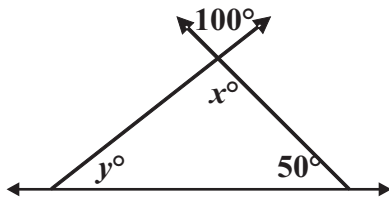
- 1 One of the triangle classifications listed is not possible. Identify the classification that is not possible. Explain your choice.

obtuse scalene
right equilateral
right isosceles

Set 2

- 1 In a triangle, two of the angle measures are equal. The third angle measures 80° . What is the measure of the two congruent angles?

- 2 Find the values of x and y .



Possible Answers

Set 1

1. A right equilateral triangle is not possible. An equilateral triangle is also equiangular. That means the angles of an equilateral triangle must each be 60° . So, there can not be a 90° angle, which means that an equilateral triangle can not be a right triangle.

Set 2

1. Write an equation.

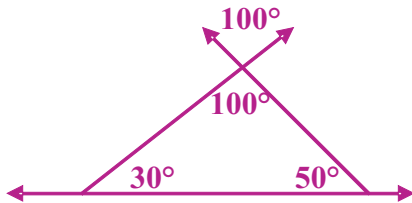
$$80^\circ + x + x = 180^\circ$$

$$x + x = 100^\circ$$

$$x = 50^\circ$$

The total of the two congruent angles is 100° , so each one measures 50° .

2. The value of x is 100 because vertical angles are always congruent. Use the Triangle Sum Property to write an equation to find the value of y . The measure of the third angle is 30° .



$$100^\circ + 50^\circ + y = 180^\circ$$

$$150^\circ + y = 180^\circ$$

$$y = 30^\circ$$