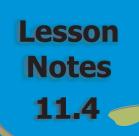
Module 11Transformation of ShapesLesson 4Symmetry



Lesson Objectives

- Identify lines of symmetry in two-dimensional shapes (e.g. letters of the alphabet, polygons).
- Determine if two shapes have line symmetry, rotation symmetry, and/or point symmetry.

Subtopic 1

Line Symmetry

A figure with line symmetry can be divided along a line into congruent <u>mirror</u> images.

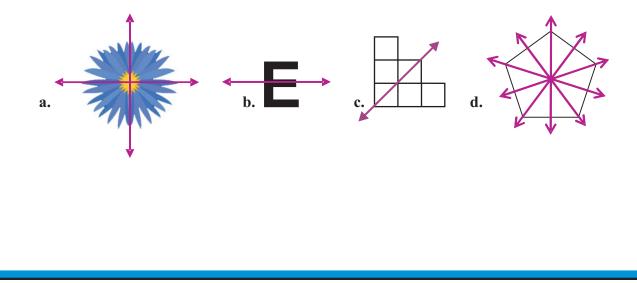
This line of division is called the <u>line of symmetry</u>.

- Horizontal
- Vertical
- **Diagonal**

A reflection line is also a line of symmetry.

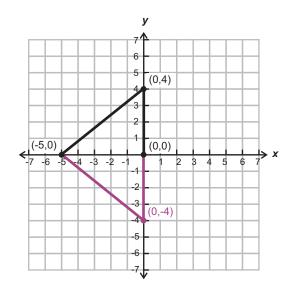


Draw all lines of symmetry on each figure.





Complete the figure so it is symmetric to the *x*-axis.



Subtopic 2

Rotational Symmetry

A figure has rotational symmetry if a rotation of less than <u>360°</u> about a fixed point reproduces a figure of the same <u>orientation</u> as the original.

This fixed point is called the **point of rotation**.

The number of times a figure rotates into the same orientation in one full turn is the <u>order of rotation</u>.

Finding angles of rotational symmetry:

- Find the order of rotational symmetry, *n*.
- Angles of rotational symmetry equal n-1.
- $\frac{360^{\circ}}{n}$, $2\left(\frac{360^{\circ}}{n}\right)$, ..., $(n-1)\left(\frac{360^{\circ}}{n}\right)$



List all the angles of rotational symmetry of the snowflake. Then, name the order of the rotational symmetry.

> 60°, 120°, 180°, 240°, 300°: Order 6





List all the angles of rotational symmetry of the rectangle. Then name the order of the rotational symmetry.

180°: Order 2

Subtopic 3Point Symmetry

A figure has point symmetry if it has <u>180°</u> rotational symmetry.

Point symmetry is a special case of **rotational** symmetry.

- Any figure with **point** symmetry has **rotational** symmetry.
- Not all figures with rotational symmetry have point symmetry.



Does the figure have rotational symmetry and point symmetry? Explain the answer.



Rotational symmetry of Order 5: There is no point symmetry.



Draw all the lines of symmetry on the regular hexagon. List all the angles of rotational symmetry. Does the figure have point symmetry?

60°, 120°, 180°, 240°, 300°: Yes

