Overview

Small Steps

- Identify angles
- Compare and order angles
- Triangles
- Quadrilaterals
- Lines of symmetry
- Complete a symmetric figure

NC Objectives

- Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size.
- Compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes.
- Identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes presented in different orientations.
- Complete a simple symmetric figure with respect to a specific line of symmetry.
Identify Angles

Notes and Guidance

Children develop their understanding of obtuse and acute angles by comparing with a right angle. They use an angle tester to check whether angles are larger or smaller than a right angle.

Children learn that an acute angle is more than 0 degrees and less than 90 degrees, a right angle is exactly 90 degrees and an obtuse angle is more than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees.

Mathematical Talk

How many degrees are there in a right angle?

Draw an acute/obtuse angle.

Estimate the size of the angle.

Varied Fluency

- A right angle is ____ degrees.
  Acute angles are ____ than a right angle.
  Obtuse angles are ____ than a right angle.

- Sort the angles into acute, obtuse and right angles.

- Label the angles. O for obtuse, A for acute and R for right angle.
### Identify Angles

#### Reasoning and Problem Solving

| Teddy | All are correct. Children may reason about how Whitney has come to her answer and discuss that the angle is about half a right angle. Half of 90 degrees is 45 degrees. |
| Alex | I know the angle is acute. |
| Whitney | I think the angle is roughly 45°. |

Who is correct? Explain your reasons.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Diagram</th>
<th>Is the angle acute, obtuse or a right angle? Can you explain why?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Diagram" /></td>
<td>The angle is a right angle. Children may use an angle tester to demonstrate it, or children may extend the line to show that it is a quarter turn which is the same as a right angle.</td>
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</table>

#### Find the sum of the largest acute angle and the smallest obtuse angle in this list:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>12°</th>
<th>98°</th>
<th>87°</th>
<th>179°</th>
<th>90°</th>
<th>5°</th>
</tr>
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87° + 98° = 185°
Children compare and order angles in ascending and descending order.

They use an angle tester to continue to help them to decide if angles are acute or obtuse.

Children identify and order angles in different representations including in shapes and on a grid.

How can you use an angle tester to help you order the angles?

How many obtuse/acute/right angles are there in the diagrams?

Compare the angles to a right angle. Does it help you to start to order them?

Rotate the angles so one of the lines is horizontal. Does this help you to compare them more efficiently?

Circle the largest angle in each shape or diagram.

Order the angles from largest to smallest.

Can you draw a larger obtuse angle?
Can you draw a smaller acute angle?

Order the angles in the shape from smallest to largest. Complete the sentences.

Angle ____ is smaller than angle ____.
Angle ____ is larger than angle ____.
**Compare & Order Angles**

**Reasoning and Problem Solving**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Angle A</th>
<th>Angle B</th>
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<tr>
<td>Angle A and Angle B are the same size. Ron has mixed up the lengths of the lines with the size of the angles.</td>
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Ron

Ron says: Angle B is bigger than Angle A because it has longer sides.

Do you agree with Ron? Explain your thinking.

Here are five angles. There are two pairs of identically sized angles and one odd one out. Which angle is the odd one out? Explain your reason.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>a</th>
<th>b</th>
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<tr>
<td>Angle e is the odd one out.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Angle b and c are both right angles.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Angle a and d are both half of a right angle or 45 degrees.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Angle e is an obtuse angle.</td>
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Triangles

Notes and Guidance

Teachers might start this small step by recapping the definition of a polygon. An activity might be to sort shapes into examples and non-examples of polygons. Children will classify triangles for the first time using the names ‘isosceles’, ‘scalene’ and ‘equilateral’. Children will use rulers to measure the sides in order to classify them correctly. Children will compare the similarities and differences between triangles and use these to help them identify, sort and draw.

Mathematical Talk

What is a polygon? What isn’t a polygon?
What are the names of the different types of triangles?
What are the properties of an isosceles triangle?
What are the properties of a scalene triangle?
What are the properties of an equilateral triangle?
Which types of triangle can also be right-angled?
How are the triangles different?
Do any of the sides need to be the same length?

Varied Fluency

- Label each of these triangles: isosceles, scalene or equilateral.
- Are any of these triangles also right-angled?
- Look at these triangles. What is the same and what is different?
- Using a ruler, draw:
  - An isosceles triangle
  - A scalene triangle
Here is a square. Inside the square is an equilateral triangle. The perimeter of the square is 60 cm. Find the perimeter of the triangle.

The perimeter of the triangle is 45 cm.

Eva

If I use 6 straws to make a triangle, I can only make an equilateral triangle.

Investigate whether Eva is correct.

Draw two more sides to create:
- An equilateral triangle
- A scalene triangle
- An isosceles triangle

Children will draw a range of triangles. Get them to use a ruler to check their answers. Equilateral will be difficult to draw accurately because the angle between the first two sides drawn, must be 60°.

Which is the hardest to draw?
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**Quadrilaterals**

**Notes and Guidance**

Children name quadrilaterals including a square, rectangle, rhombus, parallelogram and trapezium. They describe their properties and highlight the similarities and differences between different quadrilaterals.

Children draw quadrilaterals accurately using knowledge of their properties.

Teachers could use a Frayer Model with the children to explore the concept of quadrilaterals further.

**Mathematical Talk**

What's the same about the quadrilaterals?

What's different about the quadrilaterals?

Why is a square a special type of rectangle?

Why is a rhombus a special type of parallelogram?

**Varied Fluency**

- Label the quadrilaterals using the word bank.

- Use the criteria to describe the shapes.
  - four sides
  - 2 pairs of parallel sides
  - four equal sides
  - polygon
  - 1 pair of parallel sides
  - 4 right angles

Which criteria can be used more than once?
Which shapes share the same criteria?

- Draw and label:
  - a rhombus.
  - a parallelogram.
  - 3 different trapeziums
Quadrilaterals

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Complete each of the boxes in the table with a different quadrilateral.

<table>
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<th>4 equal sides</th>
<th>2 pairs of equal sides</th>
<th>1 pair of parallel sides</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 right angles</td>
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<tr>
<td>No right angles</td>
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Children can discuss if there are any shapes that can go in the top right corner. Some children may justify it could be a square or a rectangle however these have 2 pairs of parallel sides.

Which box cannot be completed? Explain why.

You will need:

- Some 4 centimetre straws
- Some 6 centimetre straws

How many different quadrilaterals can you make using the straws?

Calculate the perimeter of each shape.

**Square:** Four 4 cm - perimeter is 16 cm or four 6 cm - perimeter is 24 cm

**Rectangle:** Two 4 cm and two 6 cm - perimeter is 20 cm

**Rhombus:** Four 4 cm - perimeter is 16 cm
Four 6 cm straws - perimeter is 24 cm

**Parallelogram:**
Two 4 cm and two 6 cm - perimeter is 20 cm

**Trapezium:** Three 4 cm and one 6 cm - perimeter is 18 cm
Lines of Symmetry

Notes and Guidance

Children find and identify lines of symmetry within 2-D shapes. Children explore symmetry in shapes of different sizes and orientations. To help find lines of symmetry children may use mirrors and tracing paper. The key aspect of symmetry can be taught through paper folding activities. It is important for children to understand that a shape may be symmetrical, but if the pattern on the shape isn’t symmetrical, then the diagram isn’t symmetrical.

Mathematical Talk

Explain what you understand by the term ‘symmetrical’. Can you give any real-life examples? How can you tell if something is symmetrical? Are lines of symmetry always vertical? Does the orientation of the shape affect the lines of symmetry? What equipment could you use to help you find and identify lines of symmetry? What would the rest of the shape look like?

Varied Fluency

Using folding, find the lines of symmetry in these shapes.

Sort the shapes into the table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Up to 4 sides</th>
<th>More than 4 sides</th>
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<td>1 line of symmetry</td>
<td>More than 1 line of symmetry</td>
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Draw the lines of symmetry in these shapes (you could use folding to help you).

What do you notice?
Lines of Symmetry

Reasoning and Problem Solving

How many symmetrical shapes can you make by colouring in a maximum of 6 squares?

There are a variety of options. Some examples include:

- A triangle has 1 line of symmetry unless you change the orientation.
  
  Is Jack correct? Prove it.

Jack

Always, Sometimes, Never.

- A four-sided shape has four lines of symmetry.

Jack is incorrect. Changing the orientation does not change the lines of symmetry. Children should prove this by drawing shapes in different orientations and identifying the same number of lines of symmetry.

Sometimes, provided the shape is a square.
Symmetric Figures

Notes and Guidance

Children use their knowledge of symmetry to complete 2-D shapes and patterns.

Children could use squared paper, mirrors or tracing paper to help them accurately complete figures.

Mathematical Talk

What will the rest of the shape look like?

How can you check?

How can you use the squares to help you?

Does each side need to be the same or different?

Which lines need to be extended?

Varied Fluency

- Colour the squares to make the patterns symmetrical.

- Complete the shapes according to the line of symmetry.

- Reflect the shapes in the mirror line.
Symmetric Figures

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Dora is sometimes correct. This depends on where the mirror line is. Encourage children to draw examples of times where Dora is correct, and to draw examples of times when Dora isn't correct.

How many different symmetrical shapes can you create using the given sides?

Children will find a variety of shapes. For example: