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**Practice****Classifying Triangles**

**ALGEBRA** Find  $x$  and the measure of each side of the triangle.

1.  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral with  $AB = 3x - 2$ ,  $BC = 2x + 4$ , and  $CA = x + 10$ .

$$3x - 2 = 2x + 4 \quad AB = 16 \quad AC = 16$$

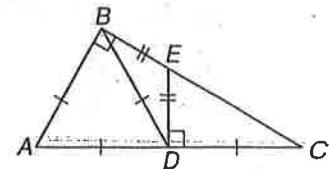
$$x = 6 \quad BC = 16$$

2.  $\triangle DEF$  is isosceles,  $\angle D$  is the vertex angle,  $DE = x + 7$ ,  $DF = 3x - 1$ , and  $EF = 2x + 5$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} x+7 \\ \diagup 3x-1 \\ E \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x+7 = 3x-1 \\ 8 = 2x \\ x = 4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} DE = 11 \\ DF = 11 \\ EF = 13 \end{array}$$

Identify the indicated type of triangles if

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AD} \cong \overline{BD} \cong \overline{DC}$ ,  $\overline{BE} \cong \overline{ED}$ ,  $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{BC}$ , and  $\overline{ED} \perp \overline{DC}$ .



4. right

$$\triangle ABC$$

5. obtuse

$$\triangle BDC$$

6. scalene

$$\triangle ABC$$

7. isosceles

$$\triangle BED$$

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**ALGEBRA** Find  $x$  and the measure of each side of the triangle.

8.  $\triangle FGH$  is equilateral with  $FG = x + 5$ ,  $GH = 3x - 9$ , and  $FH = 2x - 2$ .

$$x+5 = 3x-9 \quad 14 = 2x \quad FG = 12 \quad FH = 12$$

$$x = 7 \quad GH = 12$$

9.  $\triangle LMN$  is isosceles,  $\angle L$  is the vertex angle,  $LM = 3x - 2$ ,  $LN = 2x + 1$ , and  $MN = 5x - 2$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x-2 \\ \diagup x+1 \\ L \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 3x-2 = 2x+1 \\ x = 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} LM = 7 \\ LN = 7 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} MN = 13 \end{array}$$

Find the measures of the sides of  $\triangle KPL$  and classify each triangle by its sides.

10.  $K(-3, 2)$ ,  $P(2, 1)$ ,  $L(-2, -3)$   $KP = \sqrt{(a+3)^2 + (1-2)^2} = \sqrt{25+1} = \sqrt{26}$

$$PL = \sqrt{(-2-2)^2 + (-3-1)^2} = \sqrt{16+16} = \sqrt{32}$$

$$KL = \sqrt{(-2+3)^2 + (-3-2)^2} = \sqrt{1+25} = \sqrt{26}$$

ISOSCELES

11.  $K(5, -3)$ ,  $P(3, 4)$ ,  $L(-1, 1)$

$$KP = \sqrt{(3-5)^2 + (4+3)^2} = \sqrt{4+49} = \sqrt{53}$$

$$KL = \sqrt{(-1-5)^2 + (1+3)^2} = \sqrt{36+16}$$

$$PL = \sqrt{(-1-3)^2 + (1-4)^2} = \sqrt{16+9} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$= \sqrt{52} \quad \text{Scalene}$$

12.  $K(-2, -6)$ ,  $P(-4, 0)$ ,  $L(3, -1)$

$$KP = \sqrt{(-4+2)^2 + (0+6)^2} = \sqrt{4+36} = \sqrt{40}$$

$$PL = \sqrt{(3+4)^2 + (-1-0)^2} = \sqrt{49+1} = \sqrt{50}$$

ISOSCELES

$$KL = \sqrt{(3+2)^2 + (-1+6)^2} = \sqrt{25+25} = \sqrt{50}$$

Chapter 3: Triangles/Polygons  
Lesson 3-2: Isosceles Triangles  
Classwork

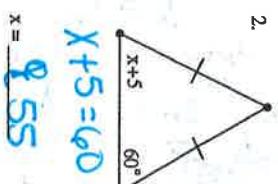
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Find the value of  $x$ .

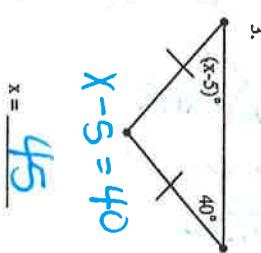
1.  $3x - 2 = 19$   
 $3x = 21$   
 $x = 7$



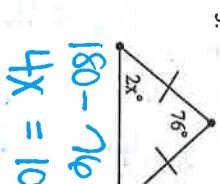
2.  $x + 5 = 60$   
 $x = 55$



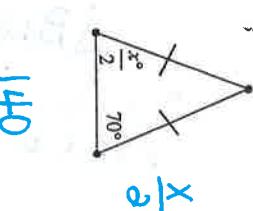
3.  $x - 5 = 40$   
 $x = 45$



4.  $180 - 76 = 104$   
 $4x = 104$   
 $x = 26$

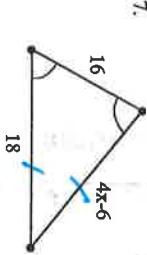


5.  $\frac{x}{2} = 70$   
 $x = 140$

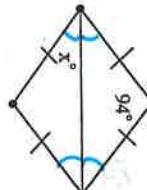


6.  $x = 140$

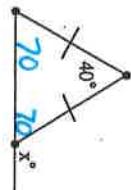
7.  $180 - 110 = 70$   
 $4x - 6 = 70$   
 $4x = 76$   
 $x = 19$



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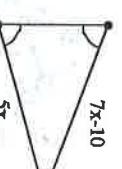


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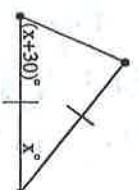


10.

$7x - 10 = 5x$   
 $-10 = -2x$   
 $x = 5$



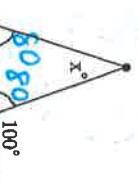
11.  $x + 2(x + 30) = 180$   
 $3x + 60 = 180$   
 $3x = 120$   
 $x = 40$



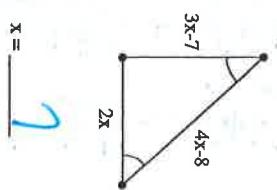
12.  $x = 20$

13.  $3x - 5 = x + 21$   
 $2x = 26$   
 $x = 13$

$6x = x + 12$   
 $5x = 12$   
 $x = 2.4$



14.  $3x - 1 = 2x$   
 $-1 = -x$   
 $x = 1$



15.  $x = 7$

16.  $94 + 2x = 180$   
 $2x = 86$   
 $x = 43$   
 $180 - 40 = \frac{140}{2} = 70$

$x = 6$

$18 = 4x - 6$

$24 = 4x$

$x = 6$