

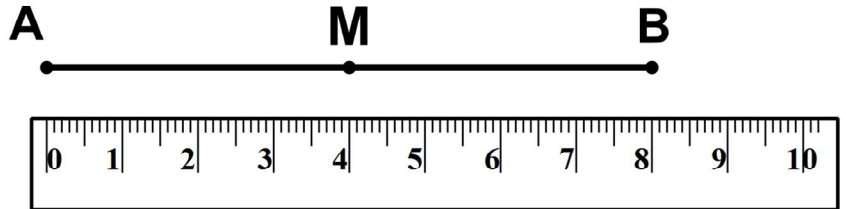
GEOMETRIC TERMINOLOGY

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In all areas of math, **terminology** is important to know and understand. **Terminology** is just a fancy word for the **specific vocabulary** that applies to a certain set of knowledge or study. You've already seen a lot of geometric terminology, such as line, ray, point, segment, and angle. In this lesson we will learn additional **terms** that we need to know to study geometry.

Exercise #1: The diagram below shows segment \overline{AB} with point M plotted on it. A 10 cm ruler is given for measurement purposes.



- (a) What is the length of \overline{AB} ? This is known as the **measure** of the segment.

$$AB =$$

- (b) What is the measure of segments \overline{AM} and \overline{BM} ?

$$AM =$$

$$BM =$$

- (c) Point M is called the **midpoint** of segment \overline{AB} . Why does this **term** make sense?

Every line segment has one unique point that lies at its center or middle known as its **midpoint**.

Exercise #2: In the diagram below points A, B, C, D, and E all lie on a straight line (are all **collinear**). Point C is the midpoint of \overline{AB} , point D is the midpoint of \overline{AC} and point E is the midpoint of \overline{CD} . If the length of \overline{AB} is 40 then what is the length of \overline{EB} ?



Exercise #3: Why do segments have midpoints, but lines do not?

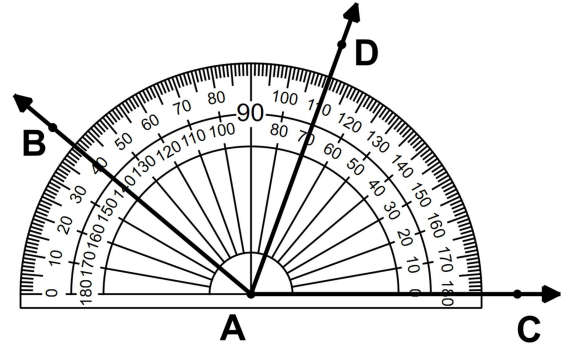


Another important idea in geometry is that of a **bisector**. As its name implies, a **bisector cuts a geometric object into two of the same types of objects that have the same measure**. We can have **segment bisectors** (other segments or lines) and **angle bisectors** (lines, segments, or rays).

Exercise #4: In the diagram below $\angle BAC$ has ray \overrightarrow{AD} drawn from its vertex point A.

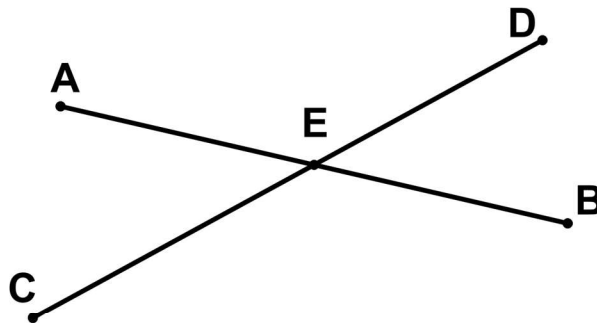
(a) What is the measure of $\angle BAC$?

(b) Explain how you can tell that \overrightarrow{AD} bisects $\angle BAC$.



Exercise #5: In the diagram below segment \overline{CD} bisects segment \overline{AB} . Based on this information, which of the following pairs of segments must have the same length? Explain your choice.

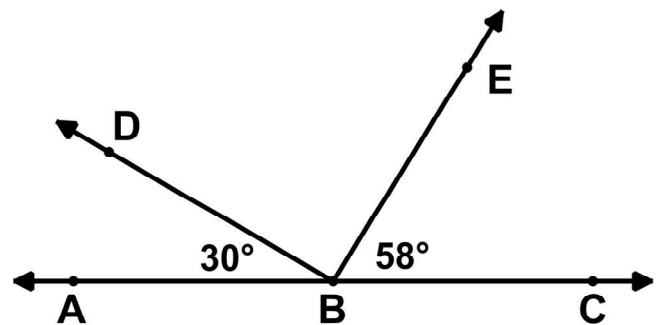
- (1) \overline{AB} and \overline{CD}
- (2) \overline{CE} and \overline{DE}
- (3) \overline{AE} and \overline{BE}
- (4) \overline{DE} and \overline{BE}



Our final piece of terminology is the term **perpendicular**. This describes two lines, segments, or rays that form **right angles** with one another.

Exercise #6: In the diagram below A, B, and C lie on a straight line. The measure of $\angle EBC$ is 58° and the measure of $\angle ABD$ is 30° .

Are rays \overrightarrow{BD} and \overrightarrow{BE} **perpendicular**? Justify your answer.

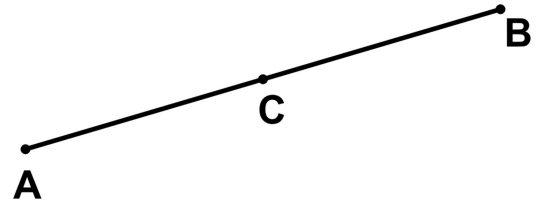


GEOMETRIC TERMINOLOGY
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FLUENCY

1. In the diagram below point C is the midpoint of \overline{AB} . If the length of \overline{AB} is 32 and the length of \overline{AC} is given by $\frac{x}{2} + 10$ then which of the following is the value of x ?

- (1) 11 (3) 3
(2) 12 (4) 44



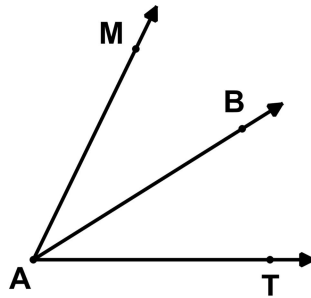
2. Points M, R, P, Q, and N all lie on a straight line. Point P is the midpoint of segment \overline{MN} . As well, point Q is the midpoint of segment \overline{PN} . Finally, point R is the midpoint of segment \overline{MQ} . If the length of \overline{MN} is 24 units, which of the following is the length of \overline{MR} ?

- (1) 6 (3) 10
(2) 9 (4) 12

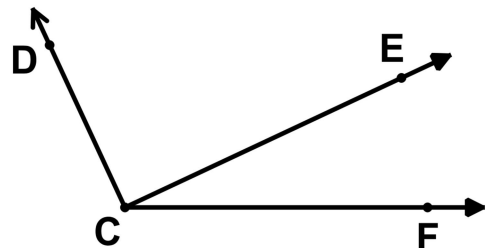


3. In the diagram below, ray \overline{AB} bisects $\angle MAT$. If the measure of $\angle MAT$ equals 64° and the measure of $\angle BAT$ is given by the expression $2x - 10$, then which of the following is the value of x ?

- (1) 14
(2) 15
(3) 21
(4) 37

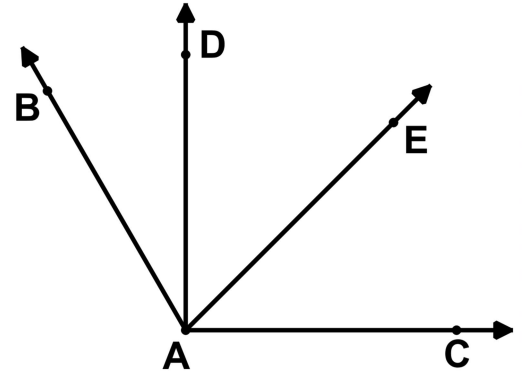


4. In the diagram shown, ray \overline{CD} is perpendicular to ray \overline{CE} . If the measure of $\angle DCF$ is 115° then what is the measure of $\angle ECF$?



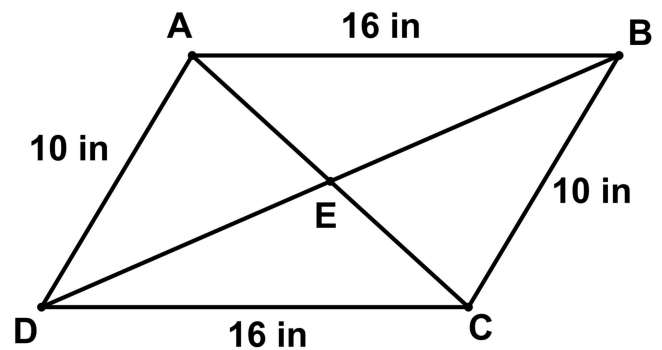
5. In the diagram shown, rays \overrightarrow{AD} and \overrightarrow{AC} are perpendicular. Ray \overrightarrow{AE} bisects $\angle DAC$ and the measure of $\angle DAB$ is 30° .

What is the measure of $\angle BAE$? Justify.



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6. The **diagonals** of a **parallelogram** bisect each other. In the diagram below, parallelogram ABCD has diagonals \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} whose lengths are 12 inches and 24 inches, respectively. What is the perimeter of triangle BEC?



REASONING

7. Given all the rays starting at point M below, which pair are perpendicular? Justify how you can tell from the angle measurements.

