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## Argument Writing: Parts of an Argument #2

When you write an **argument**, you are trying to convince your reader that your opinion is correct. A strong argument has five key parts.

<b>Claim</b>	A statement of opinion. This is the topic of your argument.
<b>Evidence</b>	Proof or facts that support your claim.
<b>Counter-Argument</b>	An argument that your reader would make if they disagreed with your claim.
<b>Rebuttal</b>	Your response to the counter-argument.
<b>Conclusion</b>	A strong restatement of the original claim.

**Underline each part of the following argument using the colors listed above.**

Hey Kenny! We should play basketball instead of baseball after school today. Basketball is better because we can play no matter how many people show up. If we're the only ones playing, we can play one-on-one or we can play "Horse." When we play baseball, we need at least six people to play with us. A lot of people, like Jake and Penelope, think that baseball is more fun because they like hitting the ball over the fence and stealing bases. But the truth is that we always end up having more fun when we play basketball because we don't have to wait for people to go get the ball from the street. So, let's meet at the basketball courts at 4:00 pm.

**Now, try writing your own argument on a separate sheet of paper!**

Remember to include all five parts of an effective argument.

Then, underline each part of your argument in the appropriate color.

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## Argument Writing: Respond to a Formal Letter

When you write an **argument**, you are trying to persuade your reader that your opinion is correct. Sometimes, you might write an argument in response to something you disagree with. When you respond to someone, you will try to change their mind by presenting your claim and objecting to theirs.

Remember, a strong argument has five key parts: a claim, evidence, a counter-argument, a rebuttal, and a conclusion.

Many arguments are written in letter form. Here is an example of a formal letter.

February 2, 2018

Dear Fifth Graders,

We will no longer allow any type of sports to be played during recess. It has come to my attention that fifth graders have been excluding other kids from their games. In addition, many fifth grade students have been leaving sports equipment in the yard, instead of putting it away at the end of recess. You might think that this is unfair. But, you will find that there are other activities you can participate in during recess, like running laps. Sports are hereby banned at our school.

Sincerely,  
Your Principal

Imagine that you received this letter and you disagree with it.

1. What **claim** would you make to object to this letter?

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2. List two pieces of **evidence** that support your claim.

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3. Underline one piece of evidence from the letter that you can present as a **counter-argument** in your response.

4. Write a **rebuttal** that will weaken or object to that piece of evidence.

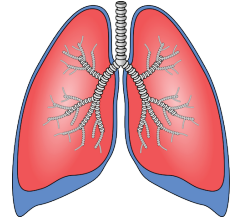
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5. On a separate sheet of paper, write a **persuasive letter** in response to the formal letter above. Make sure to include the date, a greeting, a conclusion, and a closing in your letter.

## Identifying the Main Idea & Details



Directions: Read the passage. Then, fill out the Main Idea chart.

 Underline the main idea in red. Underline supporting details in blue.

Did you know your lungs are the second largest organ in your body? You have two lungs that work together with various other parts of your body. The lungs work together with your heart to draw in oxygen, which is carried by red blood cells across your body. A large muscle called the diaphragm works with your lungs to get air in and out of your body. It rests just below your lungs, near the upper part of your belly. Air then travels down the trachea, the pharynx, and the larynx in that order before passing through two large tubes called bronchi. These large tubes look like trees, expanding and branching out into the spongy part of your left or right lung. Your rib cage is especially important, as it protects this delicate system. As the primary organs of our respiratory system, the lungs' many functions are quite impressive!

Main Idea :

Supporting Detail

Supporting Detail

Supporting Detail

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# All About Trapezoids



How many sides does a trapezoid have?

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How many sets of parallel sides does a trapezoid have?

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Where in the real world do you see trapezoids?

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How would you describe a trapezoid?

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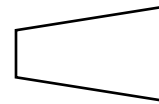
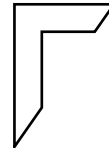
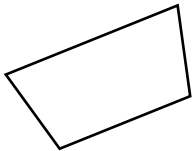
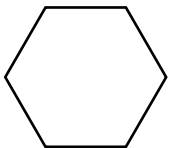
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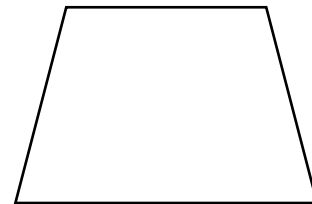
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Circle the shapes that are trapezoids.



Draw a trapezoid.

Draw the line of symmetry on this trapezoid.

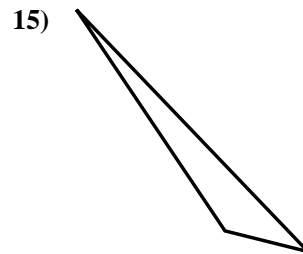
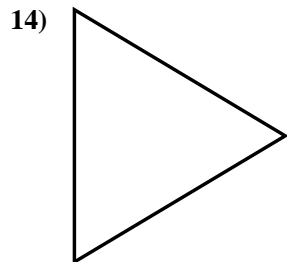
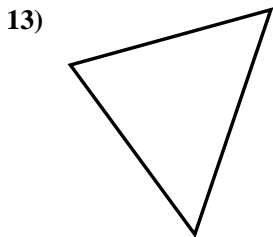
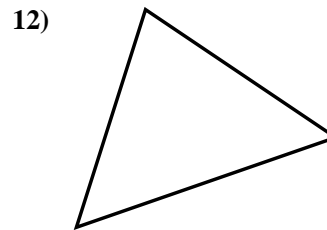
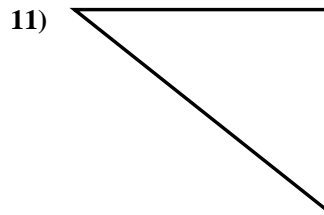
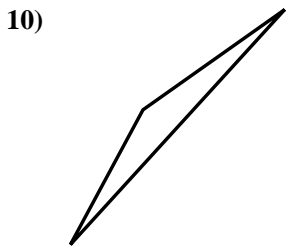
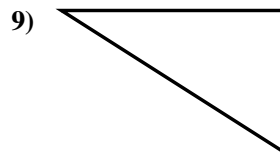
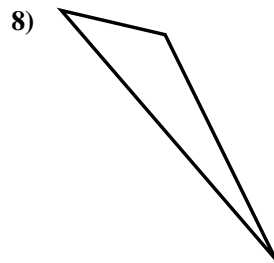
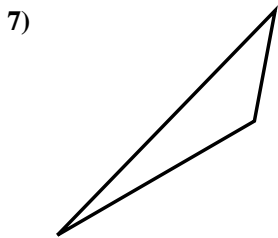
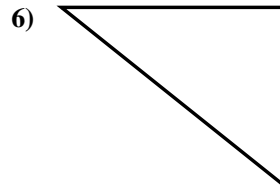
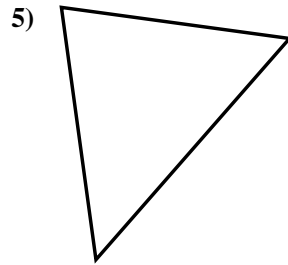
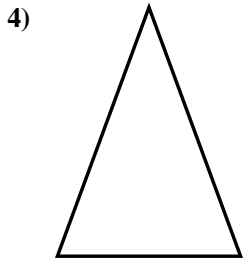
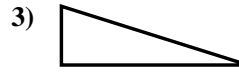
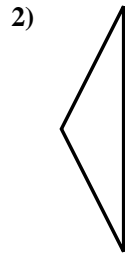
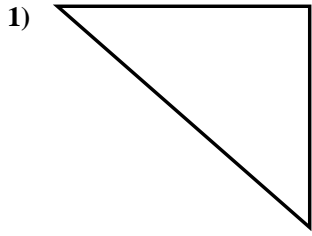


Draw a picture using as many trapezoids as you can.



Determine if the triangle shown is a right triangle (yes) or not (no).

Answers



- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
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- 15. \_\_\_\_\_

# TRIANGLE ANGLES

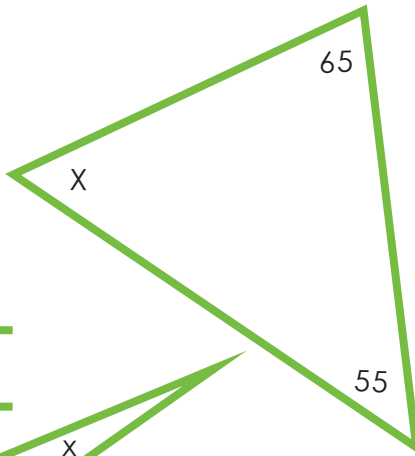
Find the unknown angles in the following triangles. Write down the missing angle and what type of triangle it is!

EXAMPLE:



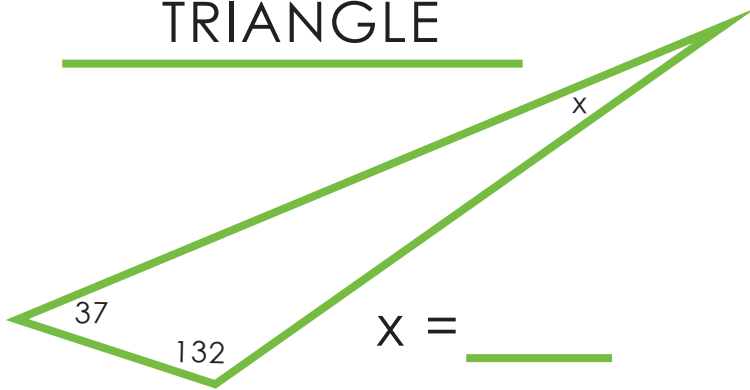
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RIGHT ANGLE  
TRIANGLE



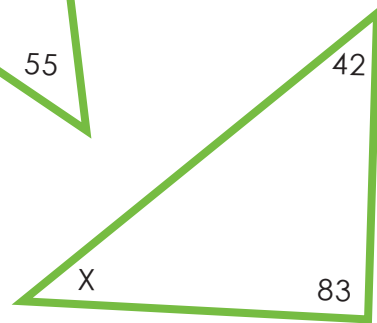
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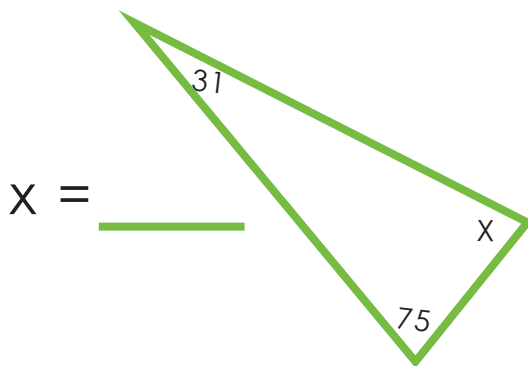
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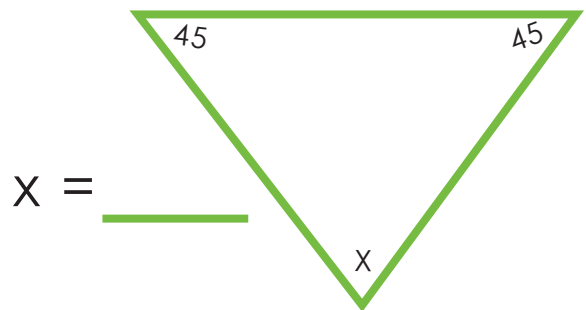
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