

## Classifying Quadrilaterals

## 1. Plan

## Objectives

- To define and classify special types of quadrilaterals

## Examples

- Classifying a Quadrilateral
- Classifying Coordinate Methods
- Using the Properties of Special Quadrilaterals



## Math Background

The classification in this lesson categorizes quadrilaterals first by the number of pairs of parallel sides, and then shows their subsets. Other hierarchies are possible.

**More Math Background:** p. 304C

## Lesson Planning and Resources

See p. 304E for a list of the resources that support this lesson.

## Bell Ringer Practice

## Check Skills You'll Need

For intervention, direct students to:

## Finding Distance on the Coordinate Plane

Lesson 1-8: Example 1

Extra Skills, Word Problems, Proof Practice, Ch. 1

## Slope

Algebra Review, p. 165: Example 1

## What You'll Learn

- To define and classify special types of quadrilaterals

## ... And Why

To use the properties of special quadrilaterals with a kite, as in Example 3

## Check Skills You'll Need

Find the distance between the points to the nearest tenth.

- $M(2, -5), N(-7, 1)$  **10.8**
- $P(-1, -3), Q(-6, -9)$  **7.8**
- $C(-4, 6), D(5, -3)$  **12.7**

Find the slope of the line through each pair of points.

- $X(0, 6), Y(4, 9)$   **$\frac{3}{4}$**
- $R(3, 8), S(6, 0)$   **$-\frac{8}{3}$**
- $A(4, 3), B(2, 1)$  **1**

**New Vocabulary**

- parallelogram
- rhombus
- rectangle
- square
- kite
- trapezoid
- isosceles trapezoid

**for Help** Lesson 1-8 and page 165

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## Classifying Special Quadrilaterals

Seven important types of quadrilaterals are defined below.

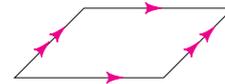


## Key Concepts

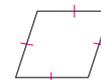
## Definitions

## Special Quadrilaterals

A **parallelogram** is a quadrilateral with both pairs of opposite sides parallel.



A **rhombus** is a parallelogram with four congruent sides.



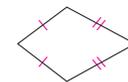
A **rectangle** is a parallelogram with four right angles.



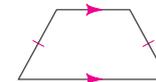
A **square** is a parallelogram with four congruent sides and four right angles.



A **kite** is a quadrilateral with two pairs of adjacent sides congruent and no opposite sides congruent.



A **trapezoid** is a quadrilateral with exactly one pair of parallel sides. The **isosceles trapezoid** at the right is a trapezoid whose nonparallel opposite sides are congruent.



## Real-World Connection

A "kite" is not the only special quadrilateral used to make a kite!

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## Differentiated Instruction Solutions for All Learners

Special Needs **L1**

Students may assume that all quadrilaterals can be classified by one of the special names. Draw examples of quadrilaterals that cannot be given any more specific name than quadrilateral.

learning style: visual

Below Level **L2**

Students can use geoboards to model the quadrilaterals in this lesson.

learning style: tactile

## 2. Teach

### Guided Instruction

#### 1 EXAMPLE Tactile Learners

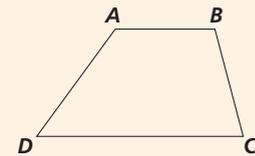
Use geoboards to model quadrilaterals.

#### 2 EXAMPLE Connection to Coordinate Geometry

If necessary, display the formulas for slope and distance.

#### PowerPoint Additional Examples

1 Judging by appearance, classify  $ABCD$  in as many ways as possible.



quadrilateral, trapezoid

2 Determine the most precise name for the quadrilateral with vertices  $Q(-4, 4)$ ,  $B(-2, 9)$ ,  $H(8, 9)$ , and  $A(10, 4)$ . **isosceles trapezoid**

3 In parallelogram  $RSTU$ ,  $m\angle R = 2x - 10$  and  $m\angle S = 3x + 50$ . Find  $x$ . **28**

#### Resources

- Daily Notetaking Guide 6-1 **L3**
- Daily Notetaking Guide 6-1—Adapted Instruction **L1**

### Closure

$ABCD$  is a square. Which classifications from this lesson also apply? Which do *not* apply? **parallelogram, rectangle, rhombus; trapezoid, isosceles trapezoid, kite**

#### 1 EXAMPLE Classifying a Quadrilateral

Judging by appearance, classify  $DEFG$  in as many ways as possible.

$DEFG$  is a quadrilateral because it has four sides.

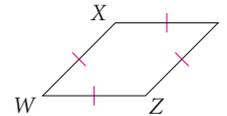
It is a parallelogram because both pairs of opposite sides are parallel.

- It is a rectangle because it has four right angles.

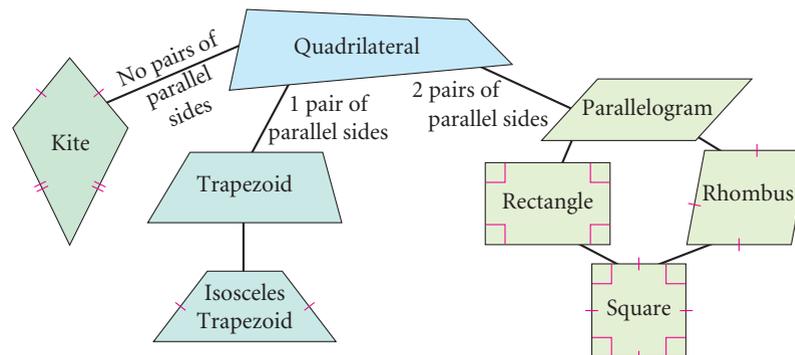


#### Quick Check

- 1 a. Judging by appearance, classify  $WXYZ$  at the right in as many ways as possible. **a–b. See below left.**  
 b. **Critical Thinking** Which name gives the most information about  $WXYZ$ ? Explain.



The diagram below shows the relationships among special quadrilaterals.



You can use what you know about slope and distance to classify a quadrilateral.

#### 2 EXAMPLE Classifying by Coordinate Methods

**Coordinate Geometry** Determine the most precise name for quadrilateral  $LMNP$ .

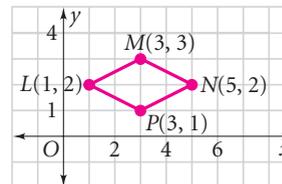
**Step 1** Find the slope of each side.

$$\text{slope of } \overline{LM} = \frac{3 - 2}{3 - 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{slope of } \overline{NP} = \frac{2 - 1}{5 - 3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{slope of } \overline{MN} = \frac{3 - 2}{3 - 5} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{slope of } \overline{LP} = \frac{2 - 1}{1 - 3} = -\frac{1}{2}$$



Both pairs of opposite sides are parallel, so  $LMNP$  is a parallelogram. No sides are perpendicular, so  $LMNP$  is not a rectangle.

**Step 2** Use the Distance Formula to see if any pairs of sides are congruent.

$$LM = \sqrt{(3 - 1)^2 + (3 - 2)^2} = \sqrt{5} \quad MN = \sqrt{(3 - 5)^2 + (3 - 2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$NP = \sqrt{(5 - 3)^2 + (2 - 1)^2} = \sqrt{5} \quad LP = \sqrt{(1 - 3)^2 + (2 - 1)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

- All sides are congruent, so  $LMNP$  is a rhombus.

#### Quick Check

- 2 Determine the most precise name for quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with vertices  $A(-3, 3)$ ,  $B(2, 4)$ ,  $C(3, -1)$ , and  $D(-2, -2)$ . **square**



For: Quadrilateral Activity  
Use: Interactive Textbook, 6-1

- 1a.  $WXYZ$  is a quad. because it has 4 sides; it is a  $\square$  because both pairs of opp. sides are  $\parallel$ ; it is a rhombus because all 4 sides are  $\cong$ .

- b. rhombus, because that means it is a  $\square$  and quad. with 4 sides that are  $\cong$

#### Vocabulary Tip

Although  $LMNP$  is a parallelogram, **rhombus** is the more *precise* name because it gives more information about the quadrilateral.

#### Advanced Learners **L4**

Have students explain why the word *exactly* is necessary in the definition of a trapezoid.

learning style: verbal

#### English Language Learners **ELL**

Have students use magazines and newspapers to find real-world examples for each special quadrilateral. Have students present their examples speaking each name with correct pronunciation.

learning style: tactile

# 3. Practice

## Assignment Guide

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### Homework Quick Check

To check students' understanding of key skills and concepts, go over Exercises 13, 21, 25, 35, 44.

### Auditory Learners

**Exercises 1–6** Have students work with partners to discuss the appearance of each quadrilateral to help reinforce the classifications and establish visual-verbal cues.

### Connection to Coordinate Geometry

**Exercise 16** Remind students that lines are perpendicular if the product of their slopes is  $-1$ .

**Exercise 25** Before students begin, ask: *What is the relationship between  $\angle F$  and  $\angle G$ ?* **They are supplementary.**

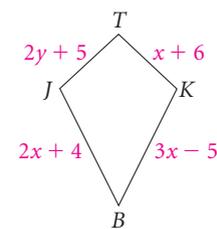
You can use the definitions of special quadrilaterals and algebra to find lengths of sides.

### 3 EXAMPLE Using the Properties of Special Quadrilaterals

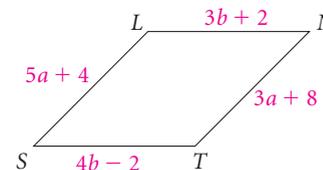
**Algebra** Find the values of the variables for the kite.

$$\begin{aligned} KB &= JB \\ 3x - 5 &= 2x + 4 \\ x - 5 &= 4 \\ x &= 9 \\ KT &= x + 6 = 15 \\ KT &= JT \\ 15 &= 2y + 5 \\ 10 &= 2y \\ 5 &= y \end{aligned}$$

**Definition of kite**  
Substitute.  
Subtract  $2x$  from each side.  
Add 5 to each side.  
Substitute 9 for  $x$ .  
**Definition of kite**  
Substitute.  
Subtract 5 from each side.  
Divide each side by 2.



**3** Find the values of the variables for the rhombus. Then find the lengths of the sides.  
 $a = 2, b = 4; LN = ST = NT = SL = 14$



## EXERCISES

For more exercises, see *Extra Skill, Word Problem, and Proof Practice*.

### Practice and Problem Solving

#### A Practice by Example

**Example 1**  
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These quadrilaterals are made from a toy building set. Judging by appearance, classify each quadrilateral in as many ways as possible.

- $\square$ , rectangle, rhombus, square
- parallelogram
- trapezoid
- $\square$ , rhombus
- kite
- trapezoid, isosc. trapezoid

**Example 2**  
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Determine the most precise name for each quadrilateral.

- rhombus
- parallelogram
- rhombus

### Differentiated Instruction Resources

**GPS** Guided Problem Solving **L3**

**Enrichment** **L4**

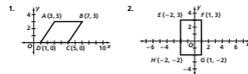
**Reteaching** **L2**

**Adapted Practice** **L1**

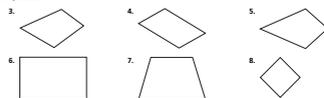
**Practice** **L3**

#### Practice 6-1 Classifying Quadrilaterals

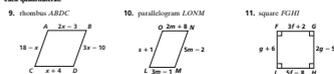
Determine the most precise name for each quadrilateral.



Judging by appearance, classify each quadrilateral in as many ways as possible.

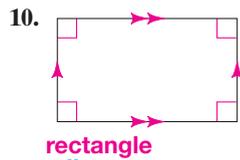


Algebra Find the values of the variables. Then find the lengths of the sides of each quadrilateral.

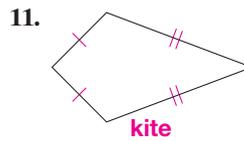


Determine the most precise name for each quadrilateral with the given vertices.

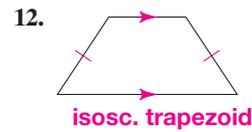
- $A(-4, -4), B(3, 5), C(6, 1), D(4, 0)$
- $W(0, 5), X(3, 5), Y(3, 1), Z(0, 1)$
- $A(-2, 4), B(2, 6), C(6, 4), D(2, -3)$
- $P(-1, 0), Q(-1, 3), R(2, 4), S(2, 1)$



rectangle



kite



isosc. trapezoid

**Coordinate Geometry** Graph and label each quadrilateral with the given vertices. Then determine the most precise name for each quadrilateral. 13–18. See back of book.

13.  $A(3, 5), B(7, 6), C(6, 2), D(2, 1)$

14.  $W(-1, 1), X(0, 2), Y(1, 1), Z(0, -2)$

15.  $J(2, 1), K(5, 4), L(7, 2), M(2, -3)$

16.  $R(-2, -3), S(4, 0), T(3, 2), V(-3, -1)$

17.  $N(-6, -4), P(-3, 1), Q(0, 2), R(-3, 5)$

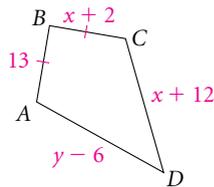
18.  $E(-3, 1), F(-7, -3), G(6, -3), H(2, 1)$

**Example 3** (page 308)

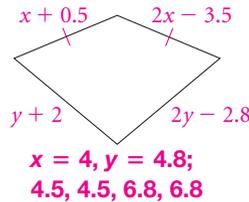
**Algebra** Find the values of the variables. Then find the lengths of the sides.

19.  $x = 11, y = 29;$   
13, 13, 23, 23

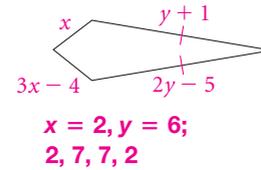
19. kite



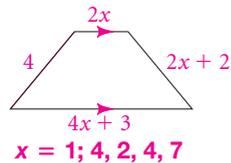
20. kite



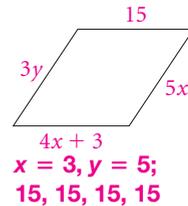
21. kite



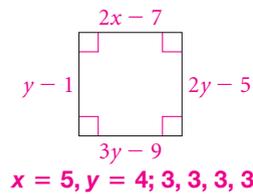
22. isosceles trapezoid



23. rhombus



24. square

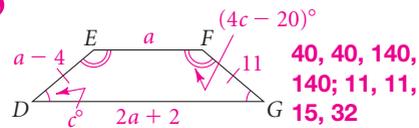


**B Apply Your Skills**

**Algebra** In each figure, find the measures of the angles and the lengths of the sides.

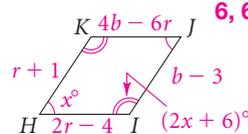
25. isosceles trapezoid  $DEFG$

**GPS**



26. rhombus  $HKJI$

$58, 58, 122, 122;$   
 $6, 6, 6, 6$



Exercise 27

27. **Art** American artist Charles Demuth created *My Egypt*, the oil painting pictured at the left. It is in an art style called Cubism, in which subjects are made of cubes and other geometric forms. Identify the types of special quadrilaterals you see in the painting. **rectangle, square, trapezoid**

28. **Multiple Choice**  $K(-3, 0), I(0, 2),$  and  $T(3, 0)$  are the vertices of a kite. Which point could be the fourth vertex? **D**

- (A)  $E(0, 2)$  (B)  $E(0, 0)$  (C)  $E(0, -2)$  (D)  $E(0, -10)$

**Draw each figure on graph paper. If not possible, explain. 29–34. See margin.**

29. a parallelogram that is neither a rectangle nor a rhombus

30. an isosceles trapezoid with vertical and horizontal congruent sides

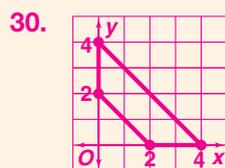
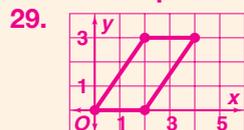
31. a trapezoid with only one right angle

32. a trapezoid with two right angles

33. a rhombus that is not a square

34. a kite with two right angles

29–34. Answers may vary. Samples are given.



31. Impossible; a trapezoid with one rt.  $\angle$  must have another, since two sides are  $\parallel$ .

## Diversity

**Exercise 27** Point out that artists have used representations of geometric figures for hundreds of years. For example, Arabian tiles show geometric shapes that tessellate. Ask students to describe other art forms that use geometric figures.

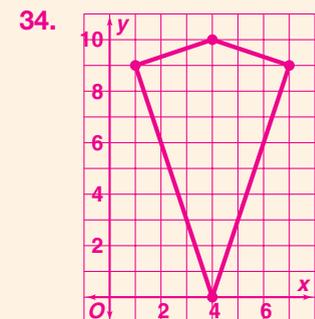
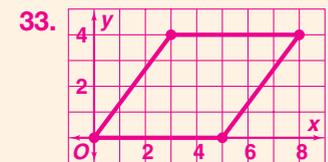
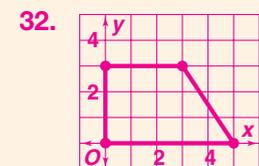
**Exercise 28** Encourage students to make a sketch to aid them in finding the fourth point. Then ask: *What do you know about the missing vertex? It is opposite I, but it is not (0, 2) which would form a rhombus.*

## Error Prevention!

**Exercise 44** As students describe a kite, make sure that they include the stipulation that opposite sides are not congruent. Point out that without that condition, squares and rhombuses would be considered kites.

## Tactile Learners

**Exercises 50–53** For each exercise, have students cut out cardboard triangles to connect in every possible way.



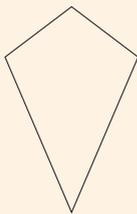
# 4. Assess & Reteach

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## Lesson Quiz

Judging by appearance, classify the quadrilaterals in Exercises 1 and 2 in as many ways as possible.

1.



quadrilateral, kite

2.

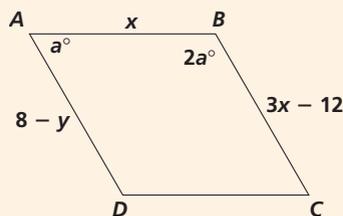


quadrilateral, parallelogram, rectangle, rhombus, square

3. What is the most precise name for the figure in Exercise 1? **kite**

4. What is the most precise name for the figure in Exercise 2? **square**

5. Find the values of the variables in the rhombus below.

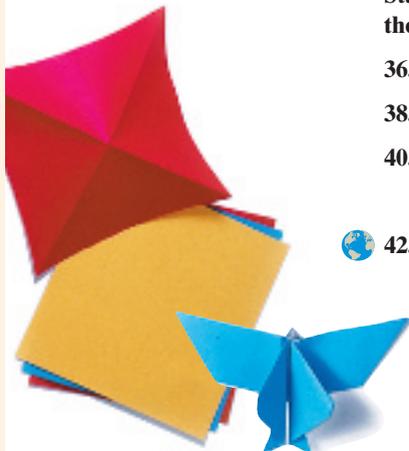


$a = 60, x = 6, y = 2$

## Alternative Assessment

Have students work in pairs to identify examples in the school building of four of the special quadrilaterals in Lesson 6-1 and then justify each classification.

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### Real-World Connection

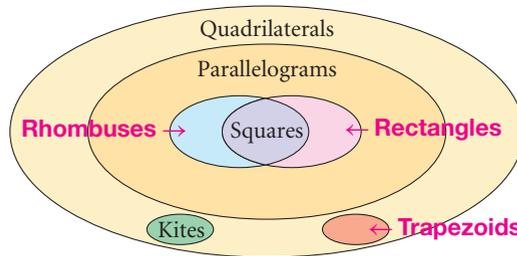
To make this butterfly, an origami square was folded first on its diagonals.

**44. A rhombus has 4  $\cong$  sides, while a kite has 2 pairs of adj. sides  $\cong$ , but no opp. sides are  $\cong$ . Opp. sides of a rhombus are  $\parallel$ , while opp. sides of a kite are not  $\parallel$ .**

### Problem Solving Hint

In Exercises 50–53, if you flip one of the two triangles, you may find different quadrilaterals.

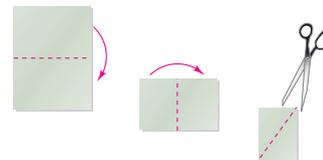
35. Copy the Venn diagram. Add the labels *Rectangles*, *Rhombuses*, and *Trapezoids* to the diagram in the appropriate places.



State whether each statement is *true* or *false*. Justify your response. You may find the diagram from Exercise 35 helpful. **36–41. See margin.**

36. All squares are rectangles.      37. A trapezoid is a parallelogram.  
38. A rhombus can be a kite.      39. Some parallelograms are squares.  
40. Every quadrilateral is a parallelogram.      41. All rhombuses are squares.

42. **Paper Folding** Fold a nonsquare, rectangular piece of paper in half horizontally and then vertically, as shown at the right. Draw and then cut along the line connecting the two opposite corners containing a fold. What quadrilateral do you find when you unfold the paper? Why doesn't it matter what size rectangle you start with? **Rhombus; all 4 sides are  $\cong$  because they come from the same cut.**  
43. Identify a parallelogram, rhombus, rectangle, square, kite, and trapezoid in your classroom. State whether your trapezoid is isosceles. **Check students' work.**



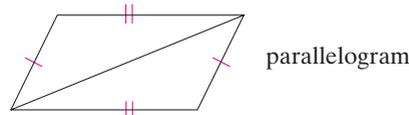
44. **Writing** Describe the difference between a rhombus and a kite. **See left.**

Name each type of special quadrilateral that can meet the given condition. Make sketches to support your answers. **45–48. See margin.**

45. exactly one pair of congruent sides      46. two pairs of parallel sides  
47. four right angles      48. adjacent sides that are congruent  
49. **Error Analysis** Lauren argues, "A parallelogram has two pairs of parallel sides, so it certainly has one pair of parallel sides. Therefore a parallelogram must also be a trapezoid." What is the error in Lauren's argument? **A trapezoid has only one pair of  $\parallel$  sides.**

Name the type(s) of special quadrilateral(s) it appears that you can form by joining the triangles in each pair. Make sketches to support your answers.

**Sample** two congruent scalene triangles



50. two congruent scalene right triangles      51. two congruent equilateral triangles  
52. two congruent isosceles right triangles      53. two congruent isosceles acute triangles

**50–53. Check students' sketches.**

50. rectangle,  $\square$ , kite

51. rhombus,  $\square$

52. square, rhombus,  $\square$

53. rhombus,  $\square$ , kite

36. True; a square is both a rectangle and a rhombus.

37. False; a trapezoid only has one pair of  $\parallel$  sides.

38. False; a kite does not have  $\cong$  opp. sides.

39. True; all squares are  $\square$ .

40. False; kites are not  $\square$ .

41. False; only rhombuses with rt.  $\triangle$  are squares.

45–48. Check students' sketches.

45. some isos. trapezoids, some trapezoids

46.  $\square$ , rhombus, rectangle, square

47. rectangle, square

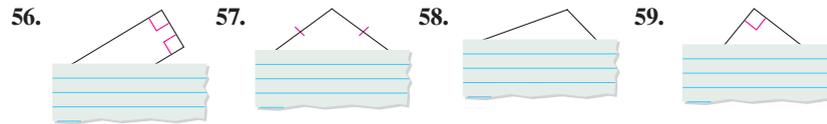
48. rhombus, square, kite, some trapezoids

Identify a parallelogram, rhombus, rectangle, square, kite and trapezoid at each site. State whether your trapezoid is isosceles. **54–55. Check students' work.**

54. home                      55. somewhere other than school and home

**C Challenge**

**Reasoning** A scrap of paper covers part of each quadrilateral. Name all the special quadrilaterals that each could be. Explain each choice. **56–59. See margin.**



**Test Prep**

**Resources**

For additional practice with a variety of test item formats:

- Standardized Test Prep, p. 361
- Test-Taking Strategies, p. 356
- Test-Taking Strategies with Transparencies

**56–59. Explanations may vary.**

56.  $\square$ , rectangle, trapezoid

57.  $\square$ , kite, rhombus, trapezoid, isos. trapezoid

58. kite,  $\square$ , rhombus, trapezoid, isos. trapezoid

59.  $\square$ , rectangle, square, rhombus, kite, trapezoid

64. [2] Slope of  $\overline{AB}$  is  $-\frac{3}{2}$ . The slope of  $\overline{BC}$  is 1, so  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BC}$  are not  $\perp$ . Since one  $\angle$  is not a right  $\angle$  and a rectangle requires all 4  $\triangle$  to be right  $\triangle$ , the figure could not be a rectangle.

[2] incorrect slope OR failure to recognize the information provided by the slopes



**Test Prep**

**Multiple Choice**

60. Which statement is NEVER true? **C**  
 A. Square  $ABCD$  is a rhombus.  
 B. Parallelogram  $PQRS$  is a square.  
 C. Trapezoid  $GHIK$  is a parallelogram.  
 D. Square  $WXYZ$  is a parallelogram.
61. Which statement is true for some, but not all, rectangles? **J**  
 F. Opposite sides are parallel.  
 G. It is a parallelogram.  
 H. Adjacent sides are perpendicular.  
 J. All sides are congruent.
62. A parallelogram has four congruent sides. Which name best describes the figure? **C**  
 A. trapezoid            B. parallelogram    C. rhombus            D. square
63. Which name best describes a parallelogram with four congruent angles? **H**  
 F. kite                    G. rhombus            H. rectangle            J. square

**Short Response**

64.  $A(-3, 1)$ ,  $B(-1, -2)$ , and  $C(2, 1)$  are three vertices of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . Could  $ABCD$  be a rectangle? Explain. **See margin.**

**Mixed Review**



**Lesson 5-5**

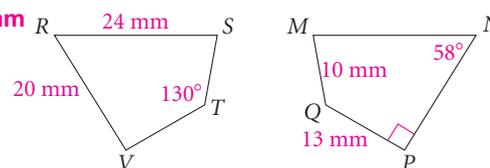
Can a triangle have sides with the given lengths? Explain.

65. 8 mm, 6 mm, 3 mm      66. 5 ft, 20 ft, 7 ft      67. 3 m, 5 m, 8 m  
**See margin.**                      **No;  $5 + 7 \not> 20$ .**                      **No;  $3 + 5 \not> 8$ .**

**Lesson 4-1**

Quadrilaterals  $RSTV$  and  $NMQP$  are congruent. Find the length of the side or the measure of the angle.

68.  $\overline{MN}$  **24 mm**      69.  $\overline{VT}$  **13 mm**  
 70.  $\angle S$  **82**  
 71.  $\angle R$  **58**  
 72.  $\angle V$  **90**  
 73.  $\angle R$  **58**



**Lesson 3-7**

74. Write an equation for the line parallel to  $y = -3x - 5$  that contains point  $(0, 4)$ .  
 $y = -3x + 4$