

Reteaching with Practice

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GOAL**Find the measures of interior and exterior angles of polygons****VOCABULARY****Theorem 11.1 Polygon Interior Angles Theorem**

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a convex n -gon is $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$.

Corollary to Theorem 11.1

The measure of each interior angle of a regular n -gon is

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot (n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ, \text{ or } \frac{(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ}{n}.$$

Theorem 11.2 Polygon Exterior Angles Theorem

The sum of the measures of the exterior angles of a convex polygon, one angle at each vertex, is 360° .

Corollary to Theorem 11.2

The measure of each exterior angle of a regular n -gon is

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot 360^\circ, \text{ or } \frac{360^\circ}{n}.$$

EXAMPLE 1**Finding Measures of Interior Angles of Polygons**

Find the value of x .

SOLUTION

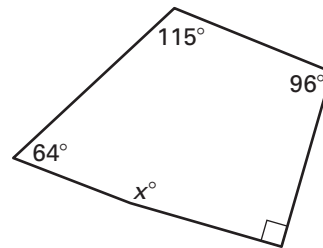
The sum of the measure of the interior angles of any pentagon is $(5 - 2) \cdot 180^\circ = 3 \cdot 180^\circ = 540^\circ$.

Add the measures of the interior angles of the pentagon.

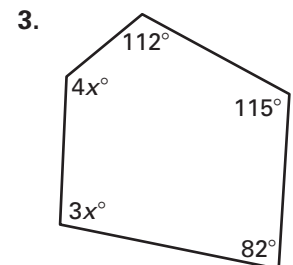
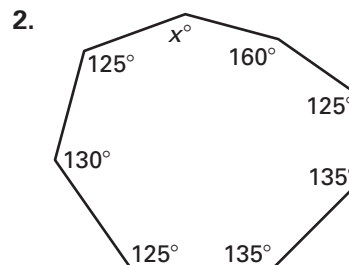
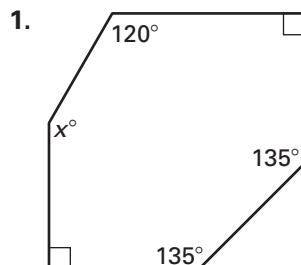
$$64^\circ + 115^\circ + 96^\circ + 90^\circ + x^\circ = 540^\circ \quad \text{The sum is } 540^\circ.$$

$$365 + x = 540 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$x = 175 \quad \text{Subtract 365 from each side.}$$

**Exercises for Example 1**

In Exercises 1–3, find the value of x .



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EXAMPLE 2 Finding the Number of Sides of a Polygon

The measure of each interior angle of a regular polygon is 144° .
How many sides does the polygon have?

SOLUTION

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot (n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ = 144^\circ \quad \text{Corollary to Theorem 11.1}$$

$$(n - 2) \cdot 180 = 144n \quad \text{Multiply each side by } n.$$

$$180n - 360 = 144n \quad \text{Distributive property}$$

$$n = 10 \quad \text{Solve for } n.$$

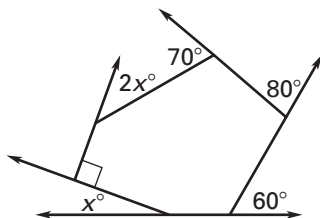
Exercise for Example 2

4. The measure of each interior angle of a regular n -gon is 156° . Find the value of n .

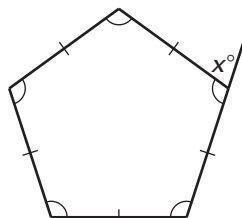
EXAMPLE 3 Finding the Measure of an Exterior Angle

Find the value of x in each diagram.

a.



b.



SOLUTION

a. $x^\circ + 90^\circ + 2x^\circ + 70^\circ + 80^\circ + 60^\circ = 360^\circ$ Theorem 11.2

$$3x = 60 \quad \text{Combine like terms.}$$

$$x = 20 \quad \text{Divide each side by 3.}$$

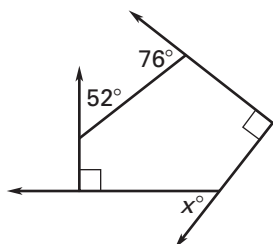
b. $x^\circ = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 360^\circ$ Use $n = 5$ in the Corollary to Theorem 11.2.

$$x = 72 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

Exercises for Example 3

Find the value of x .

5.



6.

