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VOCABULARY

Theorem 8.1 Polygon Interior Angles Theorem

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a convex polygon with n sides is $(n - 2) \cdot 180^{\circ}$.

Theorem 8.2 Polygon Exterior Angles Theorem

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

EXAMPLE 1 Use Polygon Interior Angles Theorem

Find the sum of the measures of the interior angles of the polygon.

SOLUTION



Substitute 6 for *n*.

Simplify. Multiply.

The polygon has six sides (hexagon). Use the Polygon Interior Angles Theorem and substitute 6 for n.

$(n-2)\cdot 180^{\circ}$	$= (6-2) \cdot 180^{\circ}$
	$= 4 \cdot 180^{\circ}$
	$= 720^{\circ}$

Exercises for Example 1

Find the sum of the measures of the interior angles of the polygon.

1. quadrilateral

2. pentagon

3. octagon







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EXAMPLE 2 Find the Measure of an Interior Angle

Find the measure of $\angle A$ in the diagram.

SOLUTION

The polygon has five sides, so the sum of the measures of the interior angles is

 $(n-2) \cdot 180^\circ = (5-2) \cdot 180^\circ = 3 \cdot 180^\circ = 540^\circ.$

Add the measures of the interior angles and set the sum equal to 540° .





Simplify.

The sum is 540°.

Subtract 404° from each side.

Exercises for Example 2

Find the measure of $\angle A$.







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EXAMPLE 3 Find the Measure of an Exterior Angle

Find the value of *x*.

SOLUTION

Using the Polygon Exterior Angles Theorem, set the sum of the exterior angles equal to 360°.

 $130^{\circ} + x^{\circ} + 100^{\circ} + 30^{\circ} + x^{\circ} = 360^{\circ}$ 260 + 2x = 3602x = 100*x* = 50



Polygon Exterior Angles Theorem Add like terms. Subtract 260 from each side. Divide each side by 2.

Answer: The value of x is 50.

Exercises for Example 3

Find the value of *x*.







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