

LESSON  
8.5**Study Guide**

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**GOAL****Use properties of trapezoids and kites.****Vocabulary**

A **trapezoid** is a quadrilateral with exactly one pair of parallel sides. The parallel sides are the **bases**. For each of the bases of a trapezoid, there is a pair of **base angles**, which are the two angles that have that base as a side.

The nonparallel sides of a trapezoid are the **legs** of the trapezoid. If the legs of a trapezoid are congruent, then the trapezoid is an **isosceles trapezoid**. The **midsegment of a trapezoid** is the segment that connects the midpoints of its legs.

A **kite** is a quadrilateral that has two pairs of consecutive congruent sides, but opposite sides are not congruent.

**Theorem 8.14:** If a trapezoid is isosceles, then each pair of base angles is congruent.

**Theorem 8.15:** If a trapezoid has a pair of congruent base angles, then it is an isosceles trapezoid.

**Theorem 8.16:** A trapezoid is isosceles if and only if its diagonals are congruent.

**Theorem 8.17 Midsegment Theorem for Trapezoids:**

The midsegment of a trapezoid is parallel to each base and its length is one half the sum of the lengths of the bases.

**Theorem 8.18:** If a quadrilateral is a kite, then its diagonals are perpendicular.

**Theorem 8.19:** If a quadrilateral is a kite, then exactly one pair of opposite angles are congruent.

**EXAMPLE 1****Use a coordinate plane****Show that  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid.****Solution**

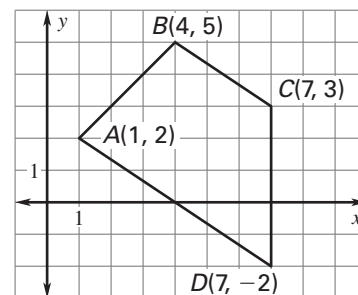
$$\text{Slope of } \overline{BC} = \frac{3 - 5}{7 - 4} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope of } \overline{AD} = \frac{-2 - 2}{7 - 1} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope of } \overline{AB} = \frac{5 - 2}{4 - 1} = 1$$

$$\text{Slope of } \overline{CD} = \frac{-2 - 3}{7 - 7} = \frac{-5}{0} \text{ Undefined}$$

$\overline{BC}$  and  $\overline{AD}$  have equal slopes, so they are parallel.  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$  are not parallel. Because  $ABCD$  has exactly one pair of parallel sides, it is a trapezoid.

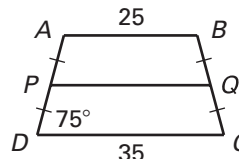


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**Exercise for Example 1**

1. The vertices of  $ABCD$  are  $A(-5, 6)$ ,  $B(1, 3)$ ,  $C(0, 0)$ , and  $D(-7, 0)$ . Show that  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid.

**EXAMPLE 2** Use properties of trapezoids

In the diagram,  $ABCD$  is an isosceles trapezoid and  $\overline{PQ}$  is the midsegment.



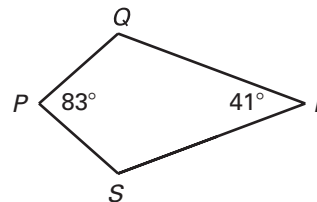
- a. Find  $m\angle B$ .      b. Find  $PQ$ .

**Solution**

- a. Because  $\angle D$  and  $\angle A$  are consecutive interior angles formed by  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$  intersecting two parallel lines, they are supplementary. So,  $m\angle A = 180^\circ - 75^\circ = 105^\circ$ . By Theorem 8.14,  $\angle A \cong \angle B$ . So,  $m\angle B = 105^\circ$ .
- b. By Theorem 8.17,  $PQ = \frac{1}{2}(AB + CD) = \frac{1}{2}(25 + 35) = \frac{1}{2}(60) = 30$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Use properties of kites

In the diagram,  $PQRS$  is a kite. Find  $m\angle Q$ .

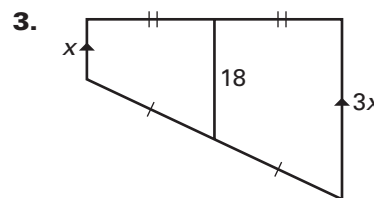
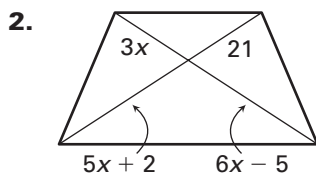

**Solution**

By Theorem 8.19,  $PQRS$  has exactly one pair of congruent opposite angles. Because  $\angle P \neq \angle R$ ,  $\angle Q$  and  $\angle S$  must be congruent. So,  $m\angle Q = m\angle S$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m\angle Q + m\angle S + 83^\circ + 41^\circ &= 360^\circ && \text{Corollary to Theorem 8.1} \\ m\angle Q + m\angle Q + 83^\circ + 41^\circ &= 360^\circ && \text{Substitute } m\angle Q \text{ for } m\angle S. \\ 2(m\angle Q) + 124^\circ &= 360^\circ && \text{Combine like terms.} \\ m\angle Q &= 118^\circ && \text{Solve for } m\angle Q. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercises for Examples 2 and 3**

Find the value of  $x$ .



4. In a kite, the measures of the angles are  $6x^\circ$ ,  $24^\circ$ ,  $84^\circ$ , and  $126^\circ$ . Find the value of  $x$ . What are the measures of the angles that are congruent?