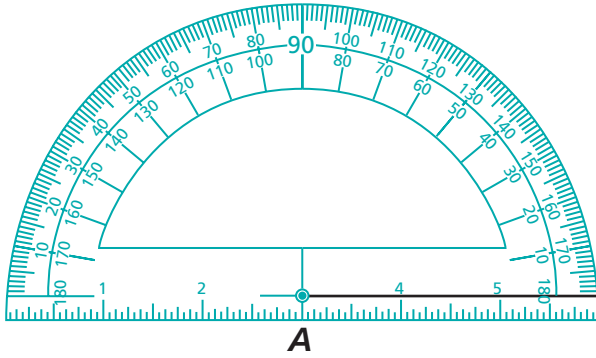


Constructing Similar Triangles

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Use a straightedge to draw a line to make the angles.

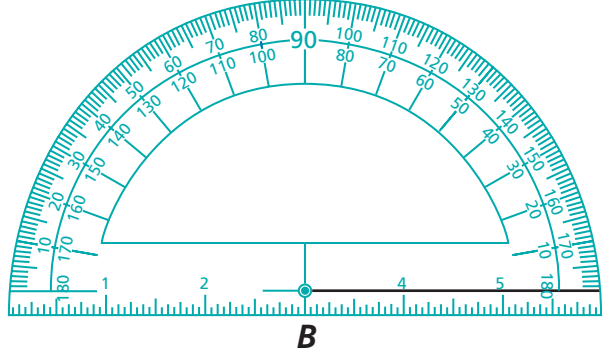
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A

measure of $\angle A$: 60°

2



B

measure of $\angle B$: 45°

Use a protractor and straightedge to draw the angles.

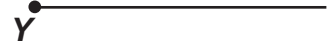
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$\angle X$ measures 30° .



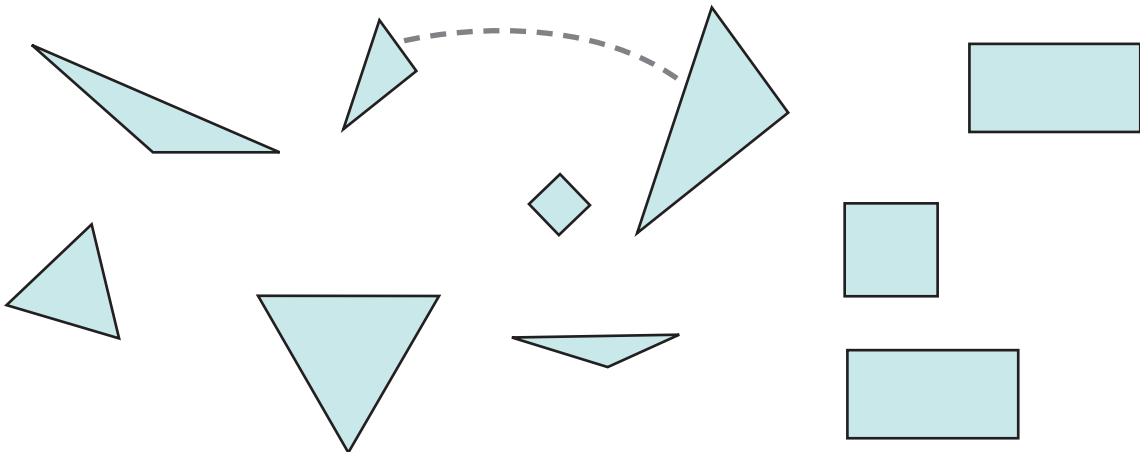
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$\angle Y$ measures 120° .



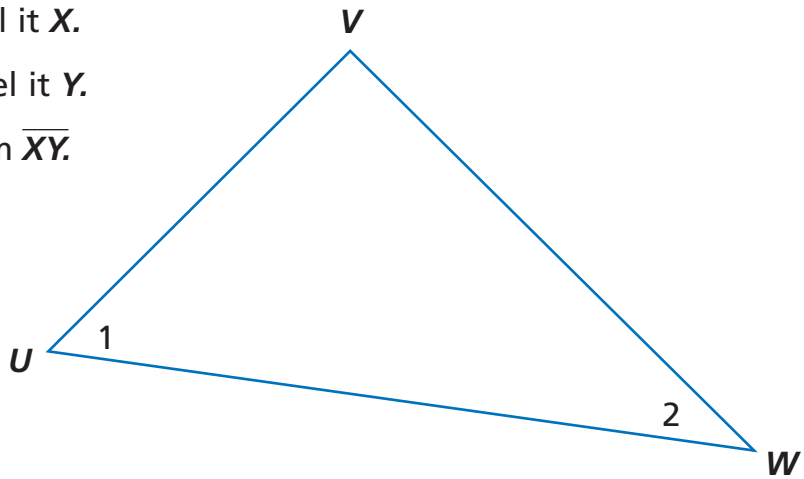
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Draw lines to match similar figures.



Use a ruler with this triangle to do the following.

- 6 Find the midpoint of \overline{UV} . Label it X .
- 7 Find the midpoint of \overline{VW} . Label it Y .
- 8 Connect the midpoints to form \overline{XY} .
- 9 Label the angles in $\triangle XVY$ as angles 3, 4 and 5.



Use the triangles above to answer the following.

- 10 What angle is congruent to $\angle 1$? _____
- 11 What angle is congruent to $\angle 2$? _____
- 12 Identify a triangle similar to $\triangle UVW$. _____
- 13 Add two more line segments so that there are four triangles all congruent to $\triangle XVY$ inside $\triangle UVW$.

14 Challenge Draw $\triangle BDA$ with the following measures:

Name	Measure
\overline{BA}	about 10 cm
\overline{BD}	about 7 cm
$\angle B$	about 45°