

**6.6****Properties of Special Parallelograms**

For use with Exploration 6.6

**Essential Question** What are the properties of the diagonals of rectangles, rhombuses, and squares?

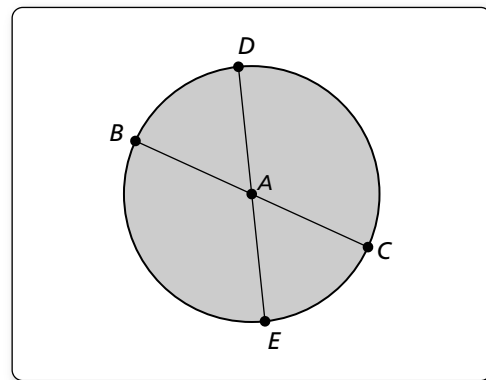
**1 EXPLORATION: Identifying Special Quadrilaterals**

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**Work with a partner.** Use dynamic geometry software.

- Draw a circle with center  $A$ .
- Draw two diameters of the circle.  
Label the endpoints  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$ .
- Draw quadrilateral  $BDCE$ .

**Sample**



- Is  $BDCE$  a parallelogram?  
rectangle? rhombus? square?  
Explain your reasoning.
- Repeat parts (a) – (d) for several other circles. Write a conjecture based on your results.

**6.6 Properties of Special Parallelograms (continued)**

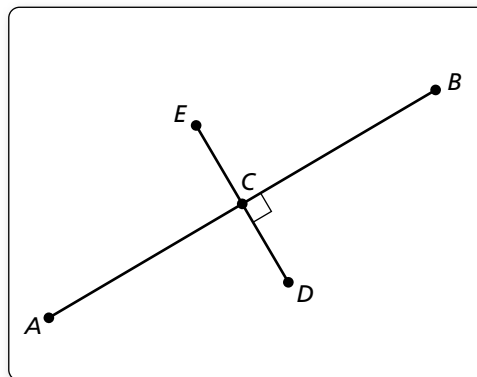
**2 EXPLORATION: Identifying Special Quadrilaterals**

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Work with a partner. Use dynamic geometry software.

- a. Construct two segments that are perpendicular bisectors of each other. Label the endpoints  $A, B, D,$  and  $E$ . Label the intersection  $C$ .
- b. Draw quadrilateral  $AEBD$ .
- c. Is  $AEBD$  a parallelogram? rectangle? rhombus? square? Explain your reasoning.

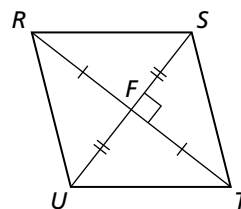
Sample



- d. Repeat parts (a) – (c) for several other segments. Write a conjecture based on your results.

**Communicate Your Answer**

- 3. What are the properties of the diagonals of rectangles, rhombuses, and squares?
- 4. Is  $RSTU$  a parallelogram? rectangle? rhombus? square? Explain your reasoning.
- 5. What type of quadrilateral has congruent diagonals that bisect each other?

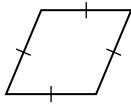


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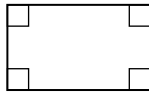
**Practice**  
For use after Lesson 6.6

**Core Concepts**

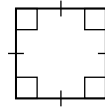
**Rhombuses, Rectangles, and Squares**



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



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



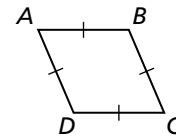
A **square** is a parallelogram with four congruent sides and four right angles.

**Notes:**

**Rhombus Corollary**

A quadrilateral is a rhombus if and only if it has four congruent sides.

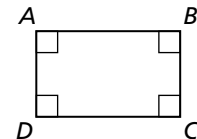
$ABCD$  is a rhombus if and only if  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC} \cong \overline{CD} \cong \overline{AD}$ .



**Rectangle Corollary**

A quadrilateral is a rectangle if and only if it has four right angles.

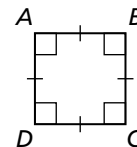
$ABCD$  is a rectangle if and only if  $\angle A$ ,  $\angle B$ ,  $\angle C$ , and  $\angle D$  are right angles.



**Square Corollary**

A quadrilateral is a square if and only if it is a rhombus and a rectangle.

$ABCD$  is a square if and only if  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC} \cong \overline{CD} \cong \overline{AD}$  and  $\angle A$ ,  $\angle B$ ,  $\angle C$ , and  $\angle D$  are right angles.

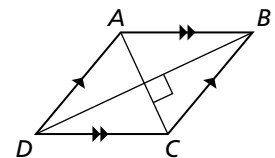


**Notes:**

**Rhombus Diagonals Theorem**

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if its diagonals are perpendicular.

$\square ABCD$  is a rhombus if and only if  $\overline{AC} \perp \overline{BD}$ .



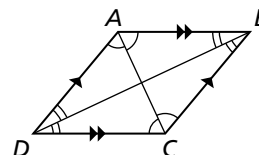
**Notes:**

**6.6 Practice (continued)**

**Rhombus Opposite Angles Theorem**

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if each diagonal bisects a pair of opposite angles.

$\square ABCD$  is a rhombus if and only if  $\overline{AC}$  bisects  $\angle BCD$  and  $\angle BAD$ , and  $\overline{BD}$  bisects  $\angle ABC$  and  $\angle ADC$ .

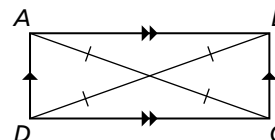


**Notes:**

**Rectangle Diagonals Theorem**

A parallelogram is a rectangle if and only if its diagonals are congruent.

$\square ABCD$  is a rectangle if and only if  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{BD}$ .



**Notes:**

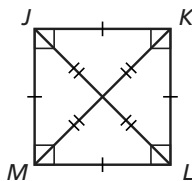
**Worked-Out Examples**

**Example #1**

For any rhombus JKLM, decide whether the statement is always or sometimes true. Draw a diagram and explain your reasoning.

$\overline{JL} \cong \overline{KM}$

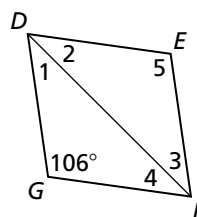
$\overline{JL}$  is sometimes congruent to  $\overline{KM}$ . Some rhombuses are squares.



**Example #2**

Find the measures of the numbered angles in rhombus DEFG.

By the Parallelogram Consecutive Angles Theorem,  $m\angle EDG = 180^\circ - 106^\circ = 74^\circ$ . So, by the Rhombus Opposite Angles Theorem,  $m\angle 1 = m\angle 2 = 37^\circ$ . By the definition of a parallelogram,  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{GF}$ . So,  $m\angle 3 = 37^\circ$ , by the Alternate Interior Angles Theorem. By the Rhombus Opposite Angles Theorem,  $m\angle 4 = 37^\circ$ . By the Parallelogram Opposite Angles Theorem,  $m\angle 5 = 106^\circ$ .



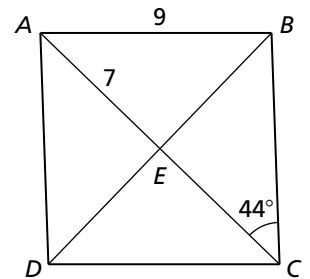
**6.6 Practice (continued)**

**Practice A**

- For any rhombus  $MNOP$ , decide whether the statement  $\overline{MO} \cong \overline{NP}$  is *always* or *sometimes* true. Draw a diagram and explain your reasoning.
- For any rectangle  $PQRS$ , decide whether the statement  $\angle PQS \cong \angle RSQ$  is *always* or *sometimes* true. Draw a diagram and explain your reasoning.

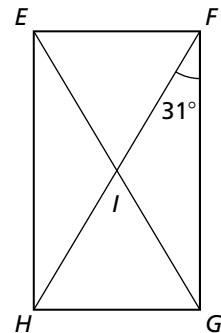
In Exercises 3–5, the diagonals of rhombus  $ABCD$  intersect at  $E$ . Given that  $m\angle BCA = 44^\circ$ ,  $AB = 9$ , and  $AE = 7$ , find the indicated measure.

3.  $BC$                       4.  $AC$                       5.  $m\angle ADC$



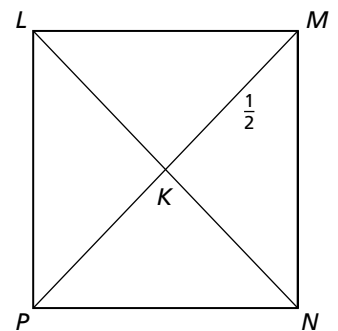
In Exercises 6–8, the diagonals of rectangle  $EFGH$  intersect at  $I$ . Given that  $m\angle HFG = 31^\circ$  and  $EG = 17$ , find the indicated measure.

6.  $m\angle FHG$               7.  $HF$                       8.  $m\angle EFH$



In Exercises 9–11, the diagonals of square  $LMNP$  intersect at  $K$ . Given that  $MK = \frac{1}{2}$ , find the indicated measure.

9.  $PK$                       10.  $m\angle PKN$               11.  $m\angle MNK$



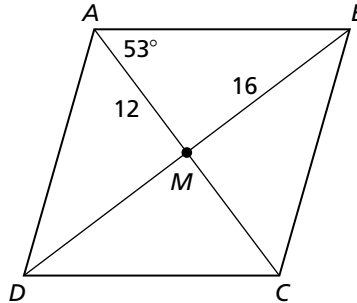
## Practice B

In Exercises 1 and 2, decide whether quadrilateral  $JKLM$  is a rectangle, a rhombus, or a square. Give all names that apply. Explain your reasoning.

- $J(3, 5), K(7, 6), L(6, 2), M(2, 1)$
- $J(-4, -1), K(-1, 5), L(5, 2), M(2, -4)$

In Exercises 3–7, the diagonals of rhombus  $ABCD$  intersect at  $M$ . Given that  $m\angle MAB = 53^\circ$ ,  $MB = 16$ , and  $AM = 12$ , find the indicated measure.

- $m\angle AMD$
- $m\angle ADM$
- $m\angle ACD$
- $DM$
- $AC$

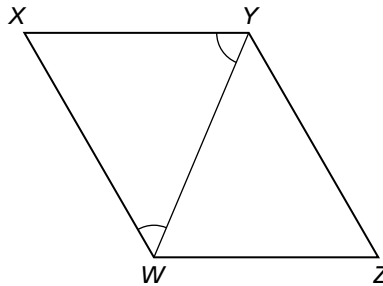


- Find the point of intersection of the diagonals of the rhombus with vertices  $(-1, 2)$ ,  $(3, 4)$ ,  $(5, 8)$ , and  $(1, 6)$ .

- Use the figure to write a two-column proof.

**Given**  $WXYZ$  is a parallelogram.  
 $\angle XWY \cong \angle XYW$

**Prove**  $WXYZ$  is a rhombus.



- Your friend claims that you can transform every rhombus into a square using a similarity transformation. Is your friend correct? Explain your reasoning.
- A quadrilateral has four congruent angles. Is the quadrilateral a parallelogram? Explain your reasoning.
- A quadrilateral has two consecutive right angles. If the quadrilateral is not a rectangle, can it still be a parallelogram? Explain your reasoning.
- Will a diagonal of a rectangle ever divide the rectangle into two isosceles triangles? Explain your reasoning.