

Describing shapes

CAPS Statement

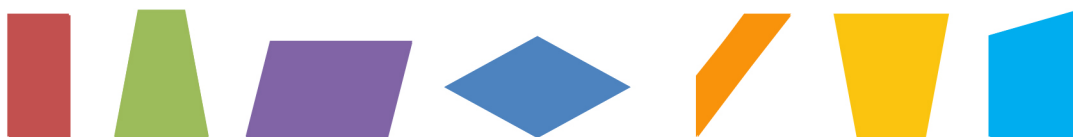
Space and Shape

Know that all closed shapes with 4 straight lines are called quadrilaterals

Note

Remember:

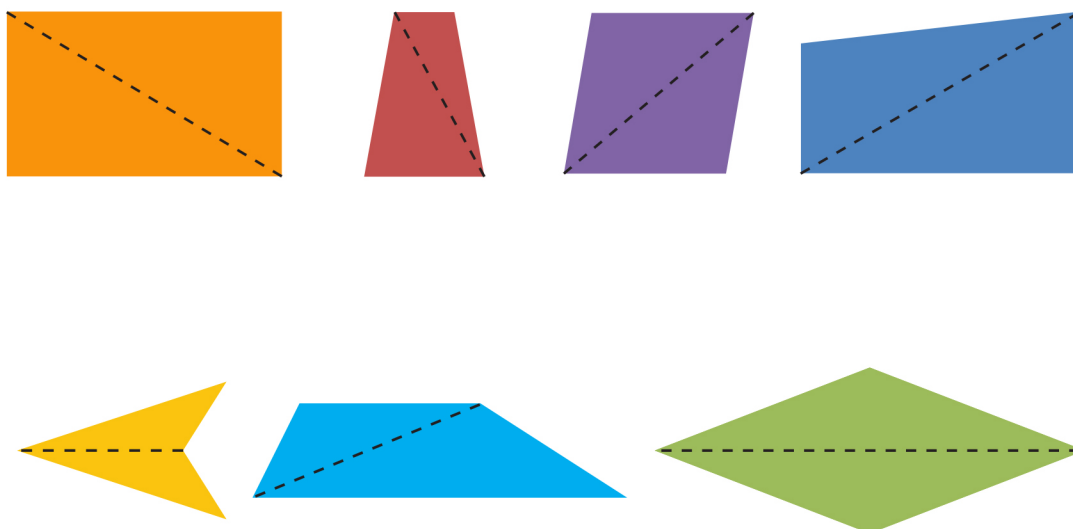
A **quadrilateral** is any shape with **four sides** and **four angles**.



A triangle is a three-sided shape.

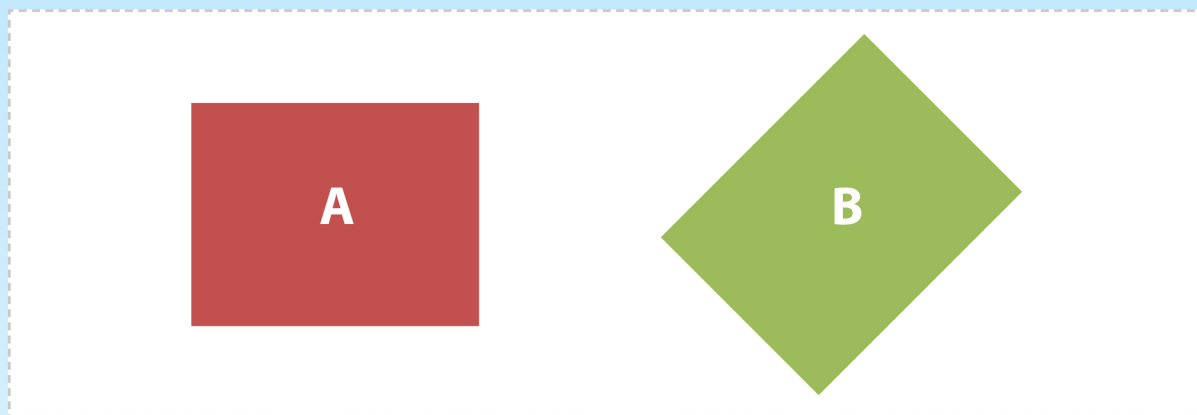


The relationship between quadrilaterals and triangles is that all quadrilaterals can be cut into two triangles, like this:



Activity 1

Study quadrilaterals A and B below. Answer the questions that follow.



- (a) Name quadrilaterals A and B.

- (b) What is the same in quadrilaterals A and B?

- (c) In what way are quadrilaterals A and B different?

- (d) Which quadrilateral has four right angles?

- (e) Which quadrilateral has four unequal angles?

Teacher Tip

Let learners use these methods in class. This is a way to strengthen learners' mental calculations.

