

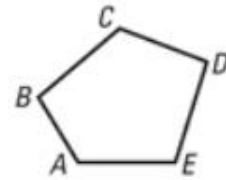
1.6 Classify Polygons

Identifying Polygons

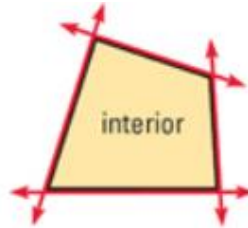
In geometry, a figure that lies in a plane is called a *plane figure*. A **polygon** is a closed plane figure with the following properties.

1. It is formed by three or more line segments called **sides**.
2. Each side intersects exactly two sides, one at each endpoint, so that no two sides with a common endpoint are collinear.

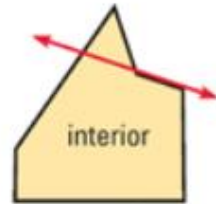
Each endpoint of a side is a **vertex** of the polygon. The plural of vertex is *vertices*. A polygon can be named by listing the vertices in consecutive order. For example, *ABCDE* and *CDEAB* are both correct names for the polygon at the right.



A polygon is **convex** if no line that contains a side of the polygon contains a point in the interior of the polygon. A polygon that is not convex is called *nonconvex* or **concave**.



convex polygon



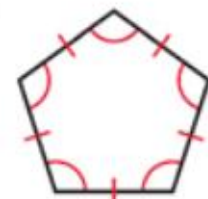
concave polygon

CLASSIFYING POLYGONS A polygon is named by the number of its sides.

Number of sides	Type of polygon	Number of sides	Type of polygon
3	Triangle	8	Octagon
4	Quadrilateral	9	Nonagon
5	Pentagon	10	Decagon
6	Hexagon	12	Dodecagon
7	Heptagon	n	n -gon

The term **n -gon**, where n is the number of a polygon's sides, can also be used to name a polygon. For example, a polygon with 14 sides is a 14-gon.

In an **equilateral** polygon, all sides are congruent. In an **equiangular** polygon, all angles in the interior of the polygon are congruent. A **regular** polygon is a convex polygon that is both equilateral and equiangular.



regular pentagon