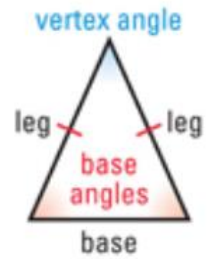


## 4.8 Use Isosceles and Equilateral Triangles

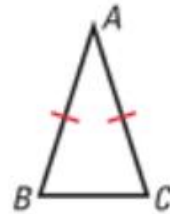
A triangle is isosceles if it has at least two congruent sides. When an isosceles triangle has exactly two congruent sides, these two sides are the **legs**. The angle formed by the legs is the **vertex angle**. The third side is the **base** of the isosceles triangle. The two angles adjacent to the base are called **base angles**.



### **THEOREM 4.7** Base Angles Theorem

If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles opposite them are congruent.

If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$ , then  $\angle B \cong \angle C$ .

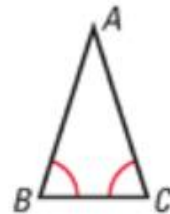


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### **THEOREM 4.8** Converse of Base Angles Theorem

If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides opposite them are congruent.

If  $\angle B \cong \angle C$ , then  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$ .



### **Corollary to the Base Angles Theorem**

If a triangle is equilateral, then it is equiangular.

### **Corollary to the Converse of Base Angles Theorem**

If a triangle is equiangular, then it is equilateral.

