Finding Angles in Circles with Triangles and Tangents
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- Identify a Tangent Line to a circle.
- Find missing angles in triangles formed in such a situation.

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- Properties of triangles in, and tangent lines to, circles.


## Property 1



## A triangle formed by two radii

 and a chord is isosceles
## Property 2



A tangent line is perpendicular to the radius at the point of contact

## Property 3



A triangle with one side being the diameter of a circle and the other two sides meeting at a point on the circle is right-angled

## Example 1

Find $\widehat{F B D}$ if $A B C$ is a tangent to the circle with centre $O$.

$\widehat{F B D}$ is the sum of $\widehat{F B E}$ and $\widehat{E B D}$. First mark in any right angles :

$\widehat{F B E}=180^{\circ}-90^{\circ}-30^{\circ}$
$\widehat{\mathrm{FBE}}=60^{\circ}$
$\widehat{E B D}=90^{\circ}-58^{\circ}$
$\widehat{E B D}=32^{\circ}$
$\widehat{F B D}=\widehat{F B E}+\widehat{E B D}$
$\widehat{F B D}=60^{\circ}+32^{\circ}$
$\widehat{\mathrm{FBD}}=92^{\circ}$

## Example 2

Find $\widehat{E O D}$ if $A B C$ is a tangent to the circle with centre $O$.


First mark in any right angles :


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\begin{aligned}
& \widehat{B O C}=180^{\circ}-90^{\circ}-38^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{B O C}=52^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{O D E}=\widehat{B O C}=52^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{O D E}=52^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{O E D}=\widehat{O D E} \\
& \widehat{O E D}=52^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{E O D}=180^{\circ}-52^{\circ}-52^{\circ} \\
& \widehat{E O D}=76^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
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## Questions

$1 O$ is the centre. $P Q R$ is a tangent. $Q T$ is a diameter. Calculate the size of angle $S T Q$.

$3 O$ is the centre. $K L M$ is a tangent. Calculate the size of angle $Q N P$.

$5 O$ is the centre. $N P Q$ is a tangent. $P R$ is a diameter. Calculate the size of angle $P Q O$.

$7 O$ is the centre. $A B C$ is a tangent. Calculate the size of angle $O C B$.

$2 O$ is the centre. $A B C$ is a tangent.
Calculate the size of angle $B O D$.

$4 O$ is the centre. $V W X$ is a tangent. Calculate the size of angle $W X Y$.

$6 O$ is the centre. $V W$ is a diameter. Calculate the size of angle $Y X W$.

$8 O$ is the centre. $P Q$ is a diameter. Calculate the size of angle $R Q T$.


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& \text { Answers } \\
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\mathbf{1} & \mathrm{STQ}=41^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{2} & B O D=130^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{3} & Q N P=100^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{4} & W X Y=34^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{5} & P Q O=37^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{6} & Y X W=36^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{7} & O C B=72^{\circ} \\
\mathbf{8} & R Q T=15^{\circ}
\end{array}
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