Properties of Plane Figures

What is a plane figure?

- Figures that are 2D or can be drawn flat that have no thickness
- These plane figures are called polygons
- Polygons are:
 - Closed plane figures
 - Made up of line segments
 - Two sides meet at each index
 - Sides do not cross each other

Types of Polygons

Polygons are named by the number of sides

Common Polygons: 3 sides- Triangle 4 sides- Quadrilateral 5 sides- Pentagon 6 sides- Hexagon 8 sides- Octagon

Helpful Hints:

If working with a student who can not identify shapes, this is a perfect time to work on this skill while <u>focusing on the</u> <u>properties of the polygon</u>. For example, the square is a quadrilateral. **It has 4 sides**

Parts of a polygon



Regular or Irregular

Regular Polygons

- Sides are same length
- Angles are the same

- Irregular Polygons
- If not a regular polygon, then it is irregular

• Examples:

Examples



Ideas for application

- Identify common polygons found in the environment
 - Street signs



 Ask students to sort regular and irregular polygons focusing on the concept of "same" pertaining to length of sides

Making connections

- Identifying properties of plane figures addresses the following 4th and 5th grade Core Content Connectors
 - 4.GM.1h2 Classify two-dimensional shapes based on attributes
 - 4.GM.1j1 Recognize a point, line, line segments, and rays in two-dimensional figures
 - 4.GM.1j2 Recognize perpendicular and parallel lines in twodimensional figures
 - 5.GM.1j1 Recognize parallel and perpendicular lines within the context of two-dimensional figures
 - 5.GM.1a1 Recognize properties of simple plane figures
 - 5.GM.1b1 Distinguish plane figures by their properties