# Focusing on Mathematical Reasoning: Activities for the Classroom

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## **Tangrams Template**









## Answer to Activity 1

How many different lengths are involved? There are four different measurements.

Number the lengths in order from smallest to largest. Start by labeling the smallest side 1, the next largest side 2, etc.



## Answer to Activity 2

If the area of the parallelogram is equal to 4 square units find the area of each piece.



## Answer to Activity 3

If the area of the small square is equal to 4, find the length of each side of each piece.



#### **Geometry Match Game**



vertices	a point where two or more lines come together; also called a corner on a polygon
acute angle	an angle that is less than 90°
obtuse angle	an angle that is more than 90° and less than 180°



supplementary angles	two angles that add up to 180°
opposite angles	angles that are across from each other; they do not share a side or vertex
adjacent angles	two angles that are formed with a common side

equilateral triangle	a triangle with three equal sides
isosceles triangle	a triangle with two equal sides
scalene triangle	a triangle with no equal sides





rectangle	contains two sets of parallel sides that form four 90° angles
square	contains two sets of parallel sides that form four 90° angles; all sides are congruent
isosceles trapezoid	a quadrilateral that contains one set of parallel sides; also contains two opposite congruent sides



octagon	an 8-sided polygon
pentagon	a 5-sided polygon
hexagon	a 6-sided polygon

congruent	a word meaning equal or same; it is used to describe figures, sides, and angles
diagonal	a line that cuts across a figure connecting two vertices that are not adjacent
line symmetry	a figure has this when a line can divide it into two congruent parts

rotational symmetry		a figure has this when can be turned around a point and look exactly the same as its original image after some rotating
reflection	EE	a transformation that moves a figure by flipping it across a line
translation	E	a transformation that moves a figure in a straight line without turning or flipping

rotation	E	a transformation that moves a figure by turning it
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Algebra Match Game – Model  $\rightarrow$  Equation  $\rightarrow$  Solution



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	° 10 = 2x	↔ x = 5
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	• $-2x - 6 = 8x$	$x = -\frac{3}{5}$
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	E -x + 2 = -5	s x = 7

Language of Algebra Match

A number decreased by 8	n – 8
A number minus 8	8 less than a number
A number squared	n²

The square of a number	n × n
A number divided by 6	n ÷ 6
<u>n</u> 6	The quotient of a number and 6

The sum of 9 and a number	9 + n
Nine increased by a number	n + 9
Twice the sum of 15 and a number	2(15 + n)

(15 + n) · 2	Two times the sum of 15 and a number
7 more than the product of 6 and a number	6n + 7
7 + 6n	The product of 6 and a number increased by 7

30 increased by 3 times the square of a number	30 + 3n <sup>2</sup>
3n <sup>2</sup> + 30	30 more than 3 times the square of a number
Five squared	5 <sup>2</sup>

5 • 5	Five raised to the second power
Four times a number	4n
The product of a number and 4	4 · n

3 less than 5 times a number	5n - 3
The product of 5 and a number less 3	3 less than the product of 5 and a number
One-half the square of b	$\frac{1}{2}b^2$

<u>b²</u> 2	The quotient of b squared and 2
Six times n squared plus 3	6n <sup>2</sup> + 3
Three more than the product of six and the square of a number	3 + 6n <sup>2</sup>

$\frac{2}{3}n^2$	Two-thirds the square of a number
The quotient of twice a number squared and 3	<u>2n<sup>2</sup></u> 3
The difference of a number and 1	n – 1

One less than a number	A number minus 1
The product of a number cubed and the square of another number	n <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
A number cubed times another number squared	n · n · n · m · m