Math 3 8.6 Tangent Lines of Circles Unit 8

*SWBAT solve for unknown variables using theorems about tangent lines of circles.*

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| Tangent to a Circle Ex: (AB) | A line in the plane of the circle that intersects the circle in exactly one point.***Ex:*** *Segment AB is a tangent to Circle O.* |  |
| Point of Tangency | The point where a circle and a tangent intersect.***Ex:*** *Point P is a point of tangency on Circle O.* |

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| **Tangent Theorem 1:** | **Converse Theorem 1:** |
| If a line is tangent to a circle, then it is perpendicular to the radius draw to the point of tangency. | If a line is perpendicular to the radius of a circle at its endpoint on a circle, then the line is tangent to the circle. |

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**Example:** If RS is tangent, then PR \_\_\_\_\_ RS.

**Example 1:** Find the measure of x.

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**Example 2:** Find x. *All segments that appear tangent are tangent to Circle O.*

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**Example 3:** Is segment MN tangent to Circle O at P? Explain.

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| **Tangent Theorem 2:** | *If two tangent segments to a circle share a common endpoint outside the circle, then the two segments are congruent.* |

**Example 4:** Solve for x.

  

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| Circumscribed vs. Inscribed |  |
| To***circumscribe***is when you draw a figure around another, touching it at points as possible. | To ***inscribe*** is to draw a figure within another so that the inner figure lies entirely within the boundary of the outer. |
| ***Ex:*** *The circle is circumscribed about the triangle.* | ***Ex:*** *The triangle is inscribed in the circle.* |

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| **Tangent Theorem 3:****(Circumscribed Polygons)** | *When a polygon is circumscribed about a circle, all of the sides of the polygon are tangent to the circle.* |

 

**Example 5:** Triangle ABC is circumscribed about $⊙$O. Find the perimeter of triangle ABC.



**You Try!** Find x. Assume that segments that appear to be tangent are tangent.



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