

8.2 Chords & Arcs of Circles

SWBAT solve for unknown variables using theorems about chords and arcs of circles.

Any segment with endpoints that are the center and a point on the circle is a radius.

The given point is called the center.
This point names the circle.

Any segment with endpoints that are on a circle is called a chord.

A segment that passes through the center is a diameter of a circle.

Example 1: Name the circle, a radius, a chord, and a diameter of the circle.

Circle: ⊙O
 Radius: \overline{OD}
 Chord: \overline{AB}
 Diameter: \overline{DE}

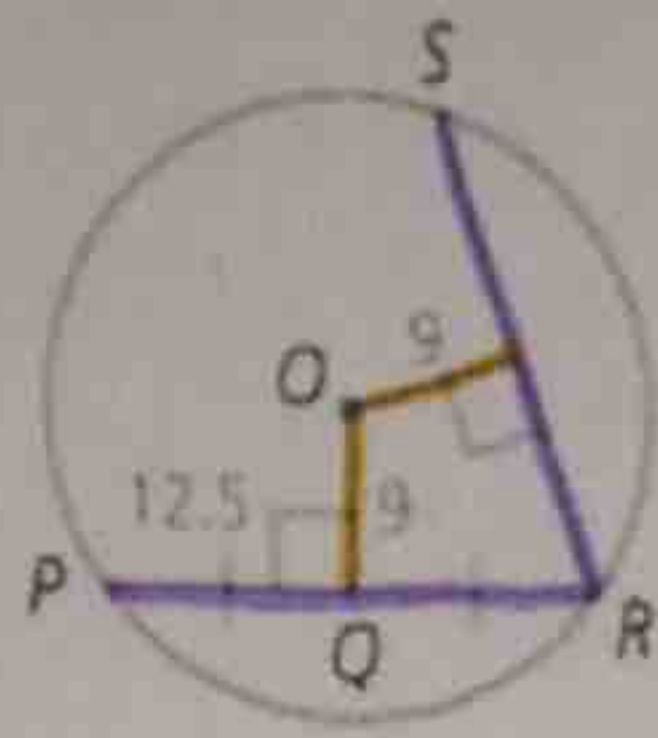
Circle: ⊙O
 Radius: \overline{OB}
 Chord: \overline{ED}
 Diameter: \overline{AC}

Since a diameter is composed of two radii, then $d = 2r$ and $r = d/2$

Theorem 1:	Converse Theorem 1:	
Within a circle or in congruent circles, chords equidistant from the center or centers are congruent. If $OE = OF$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent chords are equidistant from the center (or centers). If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $OE = OF$.	
Theorem 2:	Converse Theorem 2:	
Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent central angles have congruent arcs. If $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent arcs have congruent central angles. If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$.	
Theorem 3:	Converse Theorem 3:	
Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent central angles have congruent chords. If $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent chords have congruent central angles. If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $\angle AOB \cong \angle COD$.	
Theorem 4:	Converse Theorem 4:	
Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent chords have congruent arcs. If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	Within a circle or in congruent circles, congruent arcs have congruent chords. If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$.	

Example 2: The following chords are equidistant from the center of the circle.

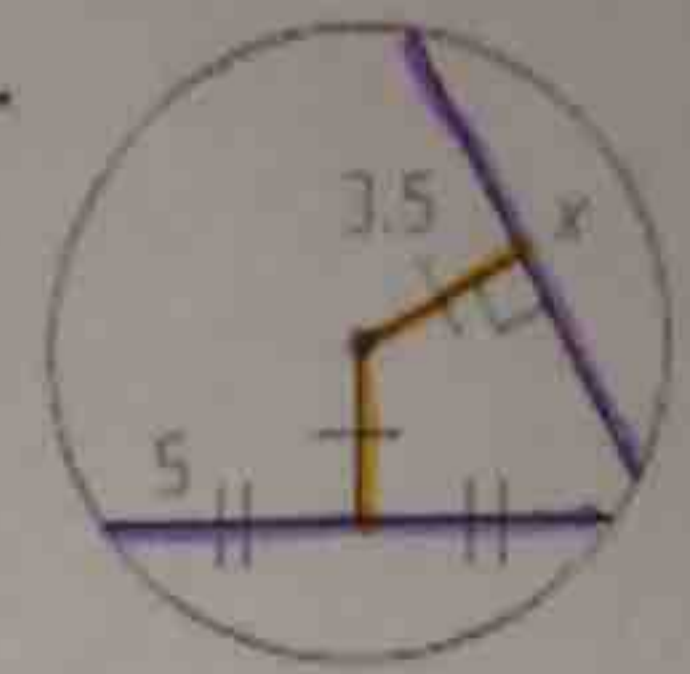
a) What is the length of RS?



$$12.5 \times 2 = 25$$

$$\overline{RS} = 25$$

b) Solve for x.



$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

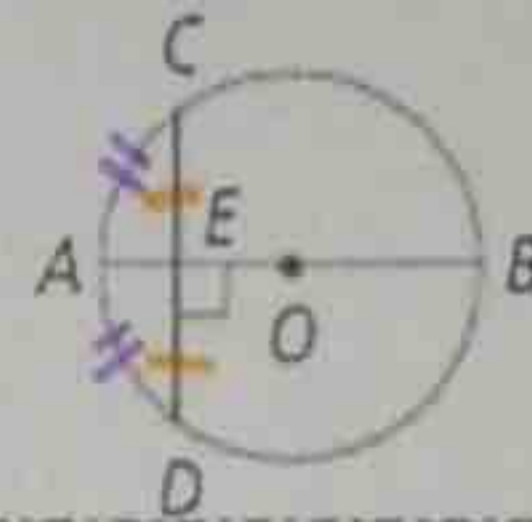
$$x = 10$$

Theorem 5:

In a circle, if a diameter is perpendicular to a chord, then it bisects the chord and its arc.

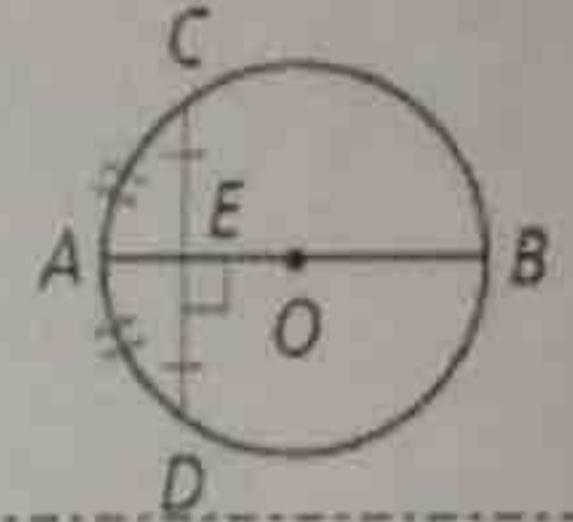
If ...

\overline{AB} is a diameter and $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{CD}$



Then ...

$\overline{CE} \cong \overline{ED}$ and $\widehat{CA} \cong \widehat{AD}$

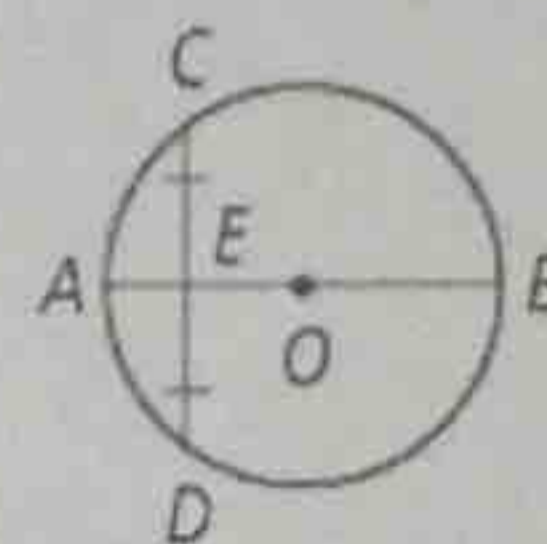


Theorem 6:

In a circle, if a diameter bisects a chord that is not a diameter, then it is perpendicular to the chord.

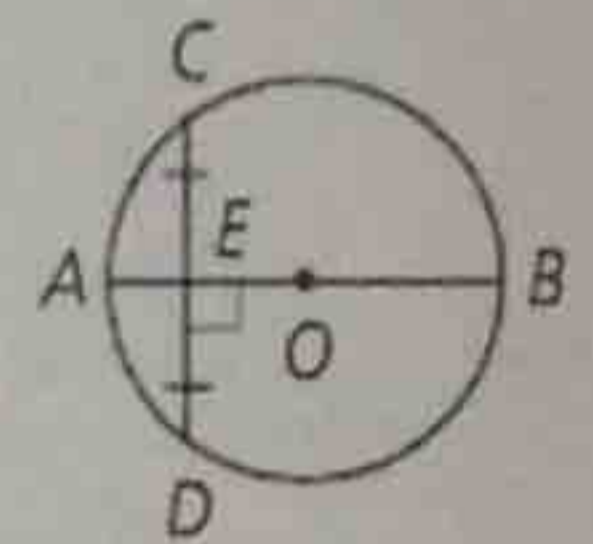
If ...

\overline{AB} is a diameter and $\overline{CE} \cong \overline{ED}$



Then ...

$\overline{AB} \perp \overline{CD}$

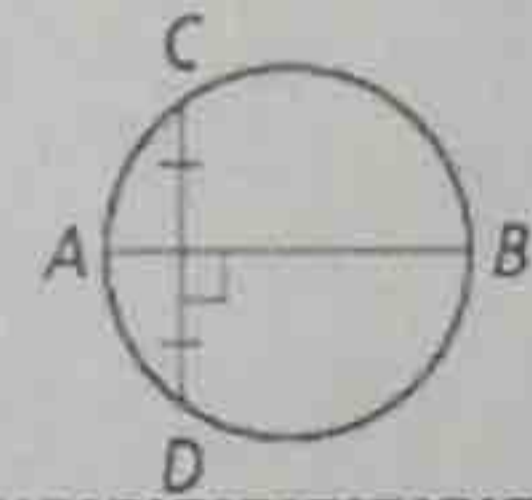


Theorem 7:

In a circle, the perpendicular bisector of a chord contains the center of the circle.

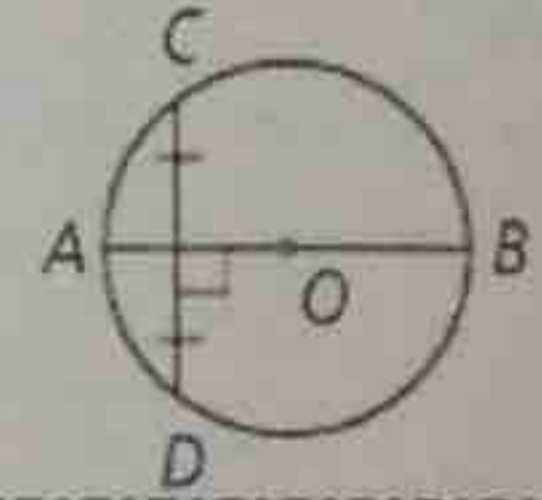
If ...

\overline{AB} is the perpendicular bisector of chord \overline{CD}

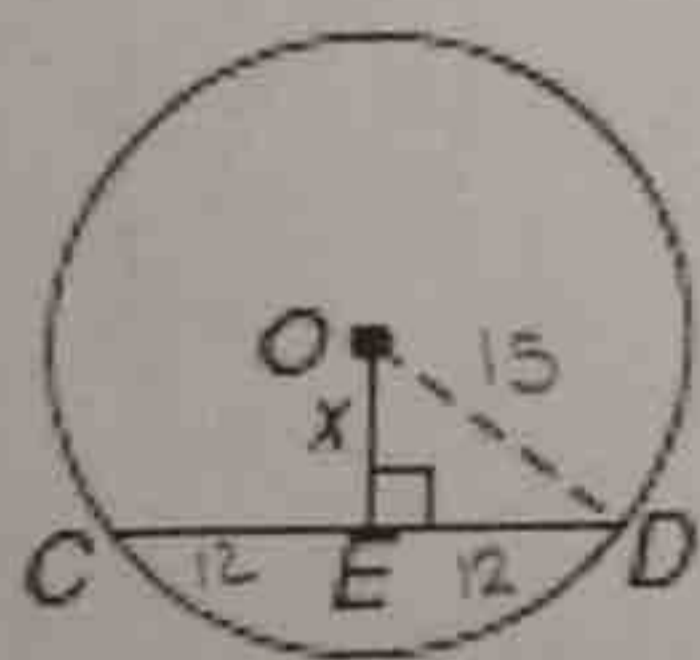


Then ...

\overline{AB} contains the center of $\odot O$



Example 3: In $\odot O$, $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{OE}$, $OD = 15$, and $CD = 24$. Find x.

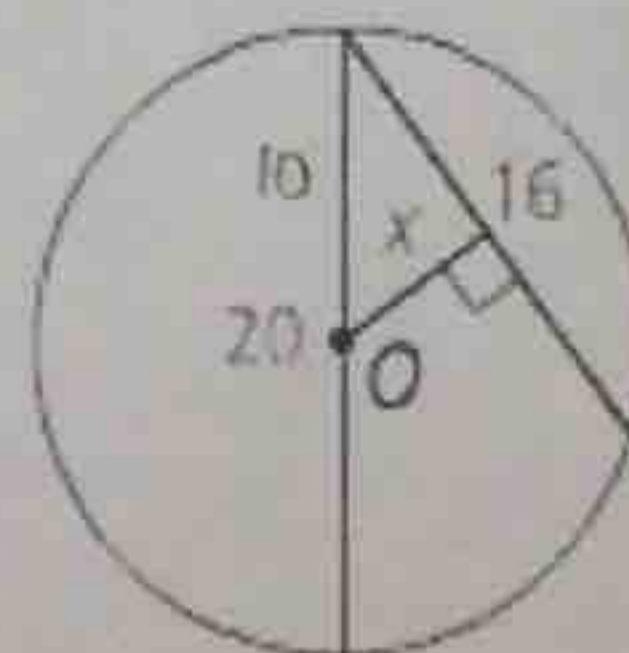


$$x^2 + 12^2 = 15^2$$

$$x^2 = 81$$

$$x = 9$$

Example 4: Find the value of x to the nearest tenth.

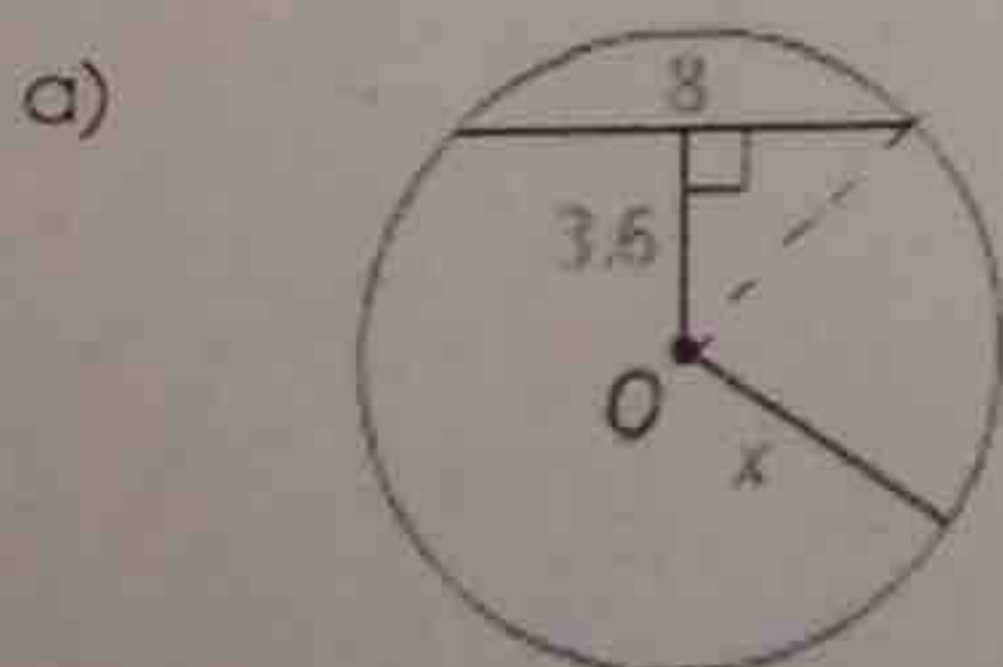


$$x^2 + 8^2 = 10^2$$

$$x^2 = 36$$

$$x = 6$$

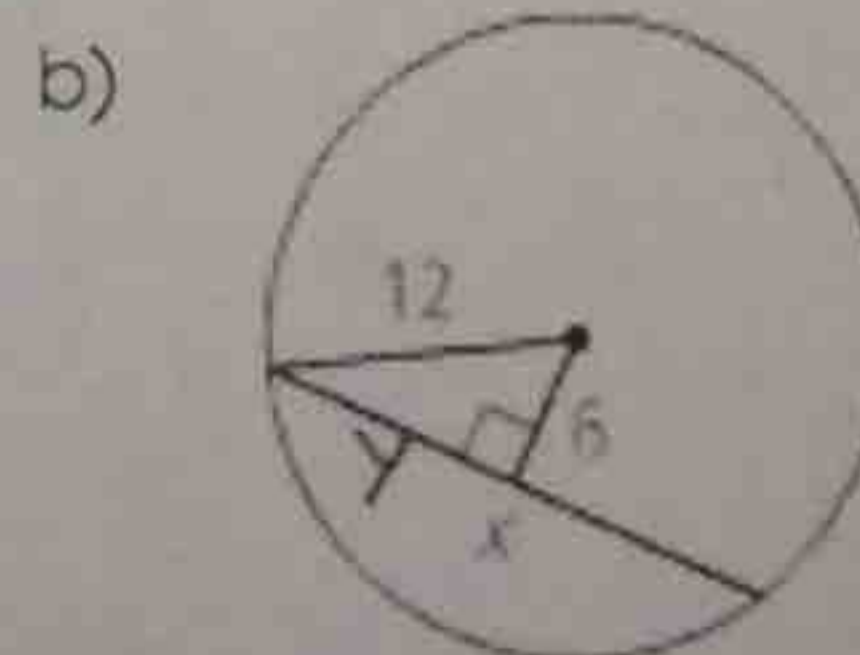
You Try! Find the value of x to the nearest tenth.



$$3.6^2 + 4^2 = x^2$$

$$28.96 = x^2$$

$$x = 5.4$$



$$y^2 + 6^2 = 12^2$$

$$y^2 = 108$$

$$y = 10.4$$

$$x = 2(10.4)$$

$$x = 20.8$$