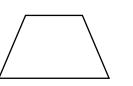
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ANSWERS Characteristics of Trapezoids

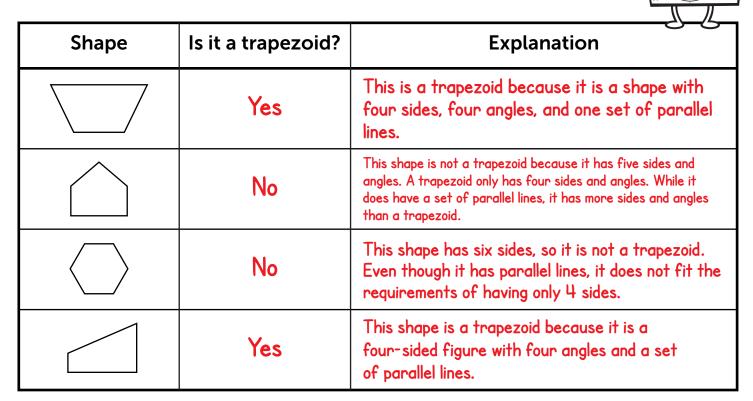
A trapezoid is a quadrilateral that has:

- Four sides
- Four corners
- At least one set of parallel lines



Part 1 - Is it a Trapezoid?

Directions: Look at the shapes and decide whether or not each is a trapezoid. Then, explain how you know. Be sure to mention the characteristics!



Part 2 - Compare Shapes

Directions: Compare the shapes and answer the questions that follow. What do the two shapes have in common? What is different about the two shapes?



The pentagon and trapezoid are both two-dimensional shapes, but they are different because they have a different number of sides and angles. A pentagon has five sides and angles, while a trapezoid has four sides and angles. A trapezoid has at least one set of parallel lines and a pentagon does not have any parallel lines.