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noun [countable]

- 1** the space between two straight lines or surfaces that join each other, measured in degrees:

an angle of something

an angle of 45°

angle of

the angles of a triangle

You didn't measure the angle accurately.

angle between

the angle between walls and ceiling

→ RIGHT ANGLE

- 2** OPINION a way of considering a problem or situation:

*We're approaching the issue **from** many **different angles**.*

*Look at **every angle** of the situation.*

angle to

There's another angle to this question.

- 3** LOOK AFTER SOMETHING a position from which you look at something or photograph it:

from a... angle

This drawing of the monastery was done from an unusual angle.

Some of the pictures have strange camera angles.

- 4** **at an angle** VERTICAL

leaning to one side and not straight or upright:

The portrait was hanging at an angle.

at a slight/steep angle

The sign leaned over at a slight angle.

5 the shape formed when two lines or surfaces join:

angle of

My head struck the angle of the shelf.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Old French

Origin: Latin *angulus*

angle²

verb

[transitive]

1 VERTICAL to move or place something so that it is not straight or upright:

a mirror angled to reflect light from a window

Philip angled his chair towards the door.

2 UNFAIR to present information from a particular point of view or for a specific group of people:

The book is angled towards a business audience.

angle for something

phrasal verb

TRY TO DO OR GET SOMETHING to try to get something you want without asking directly for it:

She was obviously angling for an invitation.

I didn't want him to think I was just angling for sympathy.

Word origin

Date: 1700–1800

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(11–19 centuries), from Old English *angel*

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