

They are adjacent next to each other or they are opposite to each other. In the former case, we call them adjacent angles (as $\angle 1$ and $\angle 2$ or $\angle 2$ and $\angle 3$) and in the latter, vertical angles (as $\angle 1$ and $\angle 3$ or $\angle 2$ and $\angle 4$). It appears that the pairs of the vertical angles might be equal ($\angle 1 = \angle 3$, $\angle 2 = \angle 4$). A straight angle is an angle whose sides

extends in opposite directions from the vertex and lie on a straight line.

In the figure, AB is a straight angle with vertex at P. As can be seen, a straight angle is a straight line with a vertex indicated somewhere on it.

A formal demonstration is the proof of some geometric principle or property and follows a specific, prescribed format. The following elements are essential:

1. A statement of the proposition to be proved.
2. A lettered diagram showing the figures involved.
3. A breakdown of the proposition into hypotheses (what is given) and conclusion (what is to be proved) in terms of the figure drawn.
4. The body of the proof, consisting of a list of statements, each accompanied by a reason which is an axiom, a postulate, a definition or the result of a previous proof.
5. A final statement which must agree with the conclusion as stated in the original proposition.

49. An Illustrative Proof.

Let us apply this to the proof of the simple geometric principle noted above. Proposition: Vertical angles are equal.



Given: Straight lines AB and CD intersecting at P.

To Prove: $\angle 1 = \angle 3$ and $\angle 2 = \angle 4$

STATEMENTS	REASONS	
1. AB and CD are straight lines intersecting at P.	1. Given	$\angle 4 + \angle 3 = 180^\circ$
2. AB and CD are straight angles.	2. Definition of straight angle.	$\angle 1 + \angle 4 = 180^\circ$
3. $\angle 1 + \angle 2 =$ straight angle.	3. The whole of a quantity equals the sum of its parts.	$\angle 1 + \angle 2 = 180^\circ$
4. $\angle 1 =$ straight angle minus $\angle 2$.	4. If equals are subtracted from equals the remainders are equal.	$\angle 2 + \angle 3 = 180^\circ$
5. Therefore $\angle 1 = \angle 3$.	5. Quantities equal to the same quantity are equal to each other.	

