

# Circle Turn Detectives

*Use parts of a circle to measure angles.*

**GRADE 4 • 4.MD.C.5a**

**CCSS.Math.Content.4.MD.C.5a** "An angle is measured with reference to a circle with its center at the common endpoint of the rays, by considering the fraction of the circular arc between the points where the two rays intersect the circle..."

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## PART 1: PRACTICE

A full circle is made of 360 one-degree angles. To find an angle from a fraction of a circle, multiply 360 by the fraction.

## WORKED EXAMPLE

An angle turns through  $\frac{1}{5}$  of a full circle. What is its measure?

1. A full circle measures 360 degrees.
2. Find  $\frac{1}{5}$  of 360:  $360 \div 5 = 72$ .
3. The angle measures 72 degrees.

**Answer: 72 degrees**

## PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** An angle turns through  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** An angle turns through  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** An angle turns through  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4** An angle turns through  $\frac{1}{6}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 5** An angle turns through  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6** An angle turns through  $\frac{7}{12}$  of a full circle.  
What is its measure?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** At the school arcade, a game spinner arrow moves through  $\frac{2}{9}$  of a full circle from its starting spot. How many degrees does the arrow turn?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** In a racing video game, a steering wheel icon turns through  $\frac{7}{8}$  of a full circle. How many degrees does it turn?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHALLENGE One step up

### CHALLENGE

A digital drawing wheel turns  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a circle, then turns another  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a circle in the same direction. What fraction of a full circle does it turn altogether, and how many degrees is that? Explain your reasoning.

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## PART 1 • PRACTICE

| # | PROBLEM                                                                      | ANSWER             |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | An angle turns through $\frac{1}{4}$ of a full circle. What is its measure?  | <b>90 degrees</b>  |
| 2 | An angle turns through $\frac{1}{2}$ of a full circle. What is its measure?  | <b>180 degrees</b> |
| 3 | An angle turns through $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full circle. What is its measure?  | <b>270 degrees</b> |
| 4 | An angle turns through $\frac{1}{6}$ of a full circle. What is its measure?  | <b>60 degrees</b>  |
| 5 | An angle turns through $\frac{2}{3}$ of a full circle. What is its measure?  | <b>240 degrees</b> |
| 6 | An angle turns through $\frac{7}{12}$ of a full circle. What is its measure? | <b>210 degrees</b> |

## PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 80 degrees** Divide 360 by 9 to find  $\frac{1}{9}$  of a circle, which is 40 degrees. Multiply 40 by 2 to get 80 degrees.
- 315 degrees** Divide 360 by 8 to find  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a circle, which is 45 degrees. Multiply 45 by 7 to get 315 degrees.

## CHALLENGE

**$\frac{3}{8}$  of a circle, 135 degrees. Since  $\frac{1}{4}$  equals  $\frac{2}{8}$ ,  $\frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$ . Then  $\frac{3}{8}$  of 360 degrees is 135 degrees.**

Accept equivalent fractions for the challenge, such as  $\frac{6}{16}$ , if the student also gives 135 degrees. Accept answers written with the word degrees or a degree symbol.