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## Circles

<u>Circle</u>—the set of all points in a plane that are equidistant from a given point, called the <u>center</u> of the circle

 $\triangleright$  A circle with center P is called "circle P," written  $\bigcirc P$ 

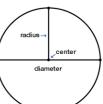
Radius—the distance/segment from the center of a circle to a point on the circle

➤ Plural is *radii*.

> All radii of a circle are congruent.

<u>Diameter</u>—the distance/segment across a circle through its center

> The diameter is twice the radius.

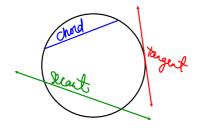


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Chord—a segment whose endpoints are on a circle

Secant—a line that intersects a circle in two points

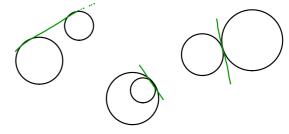
<u>Tangent</u>—a line that intersects a circle in exactly one point, called the <u>point of tangency</u>



Common tangent—a line, segment, or ray that is tangent to two circles

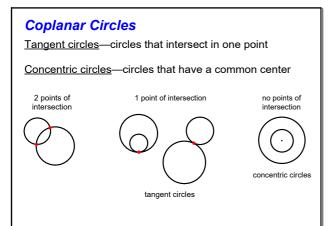
> internal: intersects the segment that joins the centers of the two circles

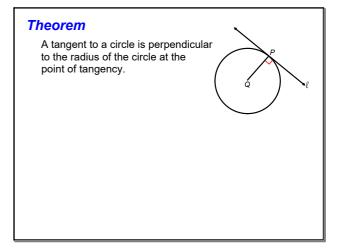
> external: does not intersect the segment that joins the centers of the two circles



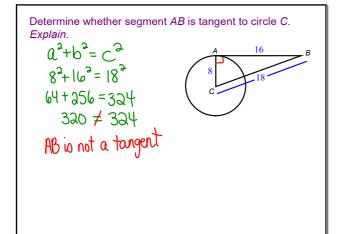
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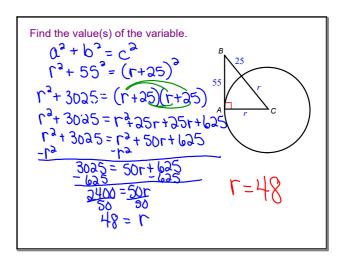
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