

## Conjectures & Conditional Statements

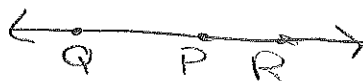
Defn: **Conjecture** -

Conjectures can be True or False. Sometimes you can tell easily whether a conjecture is true or false, and sometimes it is very difficult to tell.

Ex 1: Susan is a new Geometry student and she has made a conjecture based on her understanding of some of her new Geometry terms. Susan's conjecture is: If points P, Q, and R are collinear, then point Q must be between points P and R.

Is this conjecture true or false?

False



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Counter example

An example or picture that shows a conjecture to be false is called a Counter example

Defn: **Conditional Statement** - A statement written in the form "if then".

The part of the statement following the if is called the hypothesis;  
The part of the statement following the then is called the conclusion.

For the following examples, write each statement in conditional (if-then) form and identify the hypothesis and conclusion of each conditional.

Ex. 2: Statement - Perpendicular lines form right angles.

Conditional: if lines are perpendicular  $\rightarrow$  then they form right angles

Ex. 3: Statement - A figure with three sides is a triangle.

Conditional: if a figure has 3 sides  $\rightarrow$  then it is a Triangle

Ex. 4: Statement - Parallel lines never intersect.

Conditional: if lines are parallel  $\rightarrow$  then they don't intersect

## Converse Statements

Conditional statement - "if (hypothesis) then (conclusion)"

Converse - Switch the hypothesis with conclusion

Write each of the following statements in conditional (if-then) form, and write the converse of the conditional statement. Then identify each statement as True or False.

Ex. 5: Given statement: People who live in Siler City live in North Carolina.

Conditional: if someone lives in Siler city, then they live in NC.

Converse: if someone lives in North Carolina then they live in Siler city

Ex. 6: Given statement: Squares have four sides.

Conditional: if a shape is a square then it has 4 sides

Converse: if a shape has 4 sides then it is a square

Ex. 7: Given statement: All dogs are mammals.

Conditional:

Converse:

Identify the hypothesis and conclusion of each statement. (Underline and label each)

1. If you have a driver's license, then you are at least 16 years old.

$\downarrow$   
 hypothesis

$\downarrow$   
 conclusion

2. If the measure of an angle is between  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , then the angle is acute.

hyp

conclusion

Write each statement in conditional (if-then) form. Then underline and label the hypothesis and conclusion.

3. Vertical angles are congruent.

if an angle is vertical then they are congruent

4. Adjacent angles have a common side.

if its adjacent then it has a common side.

5. Math teachers love to solve problems.

if you're a Math teacher then you love to solve problems

6. All cows eat grass.

if you're a cow then you eat grass

Dante is a new Geometry student and has made some conjectures based on his understanding of some of his new Geometry terms. Tell whether you think each of his conjectures is true or false. If false, draw a picture that shows a counterexample.

7. **Conjecture:** If angles J and K are adjacent, then they must be supplementary.

if an angle is supplementary

8. **Conjecture:** If Points R, S, and T are noncollinear, then segments RS, ST, and RT must form a triangle.

if the segments RS, ST and RT then points R, S and T are noncollinear

Write each statement in conditional (if-then) form. Then write the converse of your conditional statement, and label each statement as either true or false.

9. Obtuse angles have measures greater than  $90^\circ$  and less than  $180^\circ$ .

- Conditional:

if it's an obtuse angle then it measures greater than  $90^\circ$  & less than  $180^\circ$

- Converse:

If an angle is greater than  $90^\circ$  & less than  $180^\circ$

10. People who live in North Carolina live in the United States.

- Conditional:

if you live in NC then you live in USA

- Converse:

if you live in USA then you live in NC

11. All Germans are human.

- Conditional:

- Converse:

12. Everybody loves Raymond.

- Conditional:

- Converse: