Angles in a Multi-Step Problems - Step-by-Step Lesson

Lesson 1 Angles Problem:

Write and solve an equation to find the measure of angle x.



Explanation:

Things we need to remember.

- 1. All the interior angles of a triangle have a sum of 180°.
- 2. Right angles are 90°.
- 3. Straight angles are 180°.

Step 1) We can find the measure of angle x, if we can find the measure of the angle z. Together they should add up to equal 180° .

Step 2) Find the measure of angle z. We know that the two other interior angles of the triangle add up to equal 140° ($90^{\circ} + 50^{\circ}$)

So it follows that angle $z = (180^\circ - 140^\circ) = 40^\circ$.

Step 3) Together angle $z + x = 180^{\circ}$

So it follows suit that: 180° (Straight Angle) - 40° (z) = 140° (x)

The answer is 140°.



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