Term	Picture	Definition	
Circle	•P	A circle is a set of all points in a plane that are equidistant from a given point called the center of a circle. Circles are named by their center. Ex. Circle P	
Radius	$\overline{\bullet}$	The distance from the center of a circle to any point on the edge of the circle. The radius is half the diameter.	
Diameter		The diameter is a chord that goes through the center of the circle. The diameter is 2 times the radius.	

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Term	Picture	Definition
Minor Arc		A minor arc is a portion of a circle's circumference that measures less than 180°.
Major Arc		A major arc is a portion of a circle's circumference that measures more than 180°.
Semicircle		A semicircle is a portion of a circle's circumference that measures exactly 180°. It is 1/2 of a circle.

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Exercises for Example 1

In Exercises 1–8, tell whether the line or segment is best described as a *chord*, a *secant*, a *tangent*, a *diameter*, or a *radius* of $\circ C$.

1. \overline{AB} chord

2. DC radius

3. FG tangent

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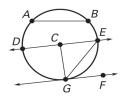
4. \overline{EG} chord

5. \overrightarrow{DE} secant

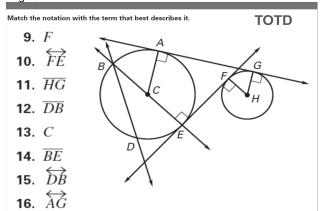
6. \overline{DE} diameter

7. CG radius

8. EC radius



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Term Picture Definition

A chord is a line segment that touches 2 points on a circle.

A secant is a line or segment that goes through the circle, touching the circle's edge at 2 points.

A tangent is a line or segment that intersects the edge of a circle at exactly 1 point which is called the point of tangency.

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EXAMPLE 1 Identifying Special Segments and Lines

Tell whether the line or segment is best described as a *chord*, a *secant*, a *tangent*, a *diameter*, or a radius of $\odot C$.

a. \overline{HC} radius **b.** \overrightarrow{DG} Tangent **c.** \overline{BE} Chord **d.** \overrightarrow{AE} secant

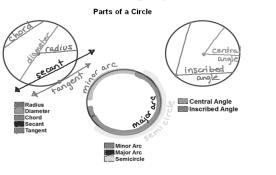
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e. \overline{BH}

Circle Graphic:

Using markers, colored pencils, or crayons... Draw and label the following on your circle.

diameter



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