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## Vertical Angles

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$\angle 1$ and $\angle 3$ are vertical angles.
$\angle 2$ and $\angle 4$ are vertical angles.

## Naming Angles

Some angles, such as $\angle A$, can be named by a single letter. When this does not clearly identify an angle, you should use three letters as shown.


## exAmple (1) Naming Angles

Use the figure shown.
a. Name a pair of adjacent angles.
$\angle A B C$ and $\angle A B F$ share a common side and have the same vertex $B$.
$\because$ So, $\angle A B C$ and $\angle A B F$ are adjacent angles.
b. Name a pair of vertical angles.
$\angle A B F$ and $\angle C B D$ are opposite angles formed by the intersection of two lines.
$\therefore \quad$ So, $\angle A B F$ and $\angle C B D$ are vertical angles.

## EXAMPLE 2 Using Adjacent and Vertical Angles

Tell whether the angles are adjacent or vertical. Then find the value of $x$.

b.


The angles are vertical angles.
Because vertical angles are congruent, the angles have the same measure.
*** So, the value of $x$ is 70 .

The angles are adjacent angles. Because the angles make up a right angle, the sum of their measures is $90^{\circ}$.

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\begin{aligned}
(x+4)+31 & =90 & & \text { Write equation. } \\
x+35 & =90 & & \text { Combine like terms. } \\
x & =55 & & \text { Subtract } 35 \text { from each side. }
\end{aligned}
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${ }_{5}^{+}+$So, the value of $x$ is 55 .

