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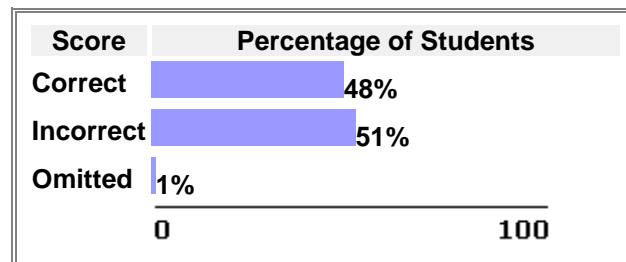
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- C)  $62^\circ$
- D)  $90^\circ$
- E)  $152^\circ$

## Key

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- C) 62°
- D) 90°
- E) 152°

### 2005 National Performance Results



Note:

- These results are for public and nonpublic school students.
- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

**Mathematical Content Area:** *Geometry* (Sub content classification: )  
**Mathematical Complexity:** *Low Complexity*

## Mathematical Content Area

### ***Geometry***

This content area focuses on identification of geometric shapes into transformations and combinations of those shapes. By grade 4, students are expected to be familiar with simple plane figures such as lines, circles, triangles, and rectangles, as well as solid figures such as cubes, spheres, and cylinders. They are also expected to be able to recognize examples of parallel and perpendicular lines. As students move to middle school and beyond, increased understanding should deepen of two- and three-dimensional figures, especially parallelism, perpendicularity, angle relations in polygons, congruence, similarity, and the Pythagorean theorem. Students at all grades are expected to show knowledge of symmetry and transformations of shapes and to identify images resulting from flips, rotations, or turns. Justifications and reasoning in both formal and informal settings are expected at grades 8 and 12.

## Mathematical Complexity

### ***Low Complexity***

This category relies heavily on the recall and recognition of previously learned concepts and principles. Items typically specify what the student is to do, which is often to carry out some procedure that can be performed mechanically. It is not left to the student to come up with an original method or solution.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>
Find the measure of an acute angle	8th	Multiple Choice	Medium