Lesson 15
Objective: Construct perpendicular line segments on a rectangular grid.

Suggested Lesson Structure
- Fluency Practice (12 minutes)
- Concept Development (38 minutes)
- Student Debrief (10 minutes)

Total Time (60 minutes)

Fluency Practice (12 minutes)

- Multiply and Divide Decimals 5.NBT.7 (3 minutes)
- Draw Angles 4.MD.6 (9 minutes)

Multiply and Divide Decimals (3 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white board

Note: This fluency activity reviews Module 2 concepts.

T: (Write $3 \times 2 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) What is $3 \times 2$?
S: 6.
T: (Write $3 \times 2 = 6$. Beneath it, write $0.3 \times 2 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) What is $0.3 \times 2$?
S: $0.3 \times 2 = 0.6$.
T: (Write $0.3 \times 2 = 0.6$. Beneath it, write $0.03 \times 2 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) Write the number sentence.
S: (Write $0.03 \times 2 = 0.06$.)
T: (Write $60 \div 10 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) What is $60 \div 10$?
S: 6.
T: (Write $60 \div 10 = 6$. Beneath it, write $6 \div 10 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) Write the number sentence.
S: (Write $6 \div 10 = 0.6$.)
T: (Write $6 \div 10 = 0.6$. Beneath it, write $6 \div 20 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$) Write the number sentence.
S: (Write $6 \div 20 = 0.3$.)

Continue with the following possible sequence: $6 \div 30$, $25 \div 5$, $25 \div 50$, $1.5 \div 10$, $1.5 \div 30$, $0.12 \div 4$, and $0.12 \div 40$. 
Draw Angles (9 minutes)

Materials: (S) Blank paper, ruler, protractor

Note: This fluency activity informally prepares students for today’s lesson.

Part 1:

T: Use your ruler to draw a 4-inch horizontal line about 3 inches down from the top of your paper.
T: Plot 5 points, one at each inch, including 0 inches.
T: Turn to your partner, and name pairs of angles whose sums are 90 degrees.
S: 45° and 45°. \( \rightarrow \) 30° and 60°. \( \rightarrow \) 25° and 65°.
T: Use the points at zero and 1 inch as the vertices of 2 angles whose sum is 90°.

Part 2:

T: Use your ruler to draw another 4-inch horizontal line about 3 inches below your first one.
T: Plot 5 points, one at each inch, including 0 inches.
T: Draw the same angle you made on the top line at the first and third inch.
T: Draw the same angle pair you made on the top line, but this time, open the angles to the left, and let the angle share a vertex with its pair at the first and third inch.

Repeat as time allows. Take note informally as to whether students observe which lines are perpendicular. Students analyze these lines more closely in the Student Debrief.

Concept Development (38 minutes)

Materials: (T) Triangle \( \triangle RST \) (a) (Template 2), triangle \( \triangle RST \) (b) (Template 3) (S) Straightedge, recording sheet (Template 1), rectangles (Lesson 13 Template 1), unlined paper

Note: An Application Problem is not included in this lesson in order to provide adequate time for the Concept Development.

Problem 1: Identify perpendicular lines on the grid.

T: (Distribute the recording sheet to students, and display the image of Problem (a) on the board.) How do you know if the lines in Problem (a) are perpendicular? Turn and talk.
S: I can just see it—the lines intersect at the corner of these grid squares, so I know they’re perpendicular. \( \rightarrow \) They’re perpendicular. I can put the corner of my paper at the vertex, and I can see that it’s 90 degrees. \( \rightarrow \) I can use my set square to prove that they’re perpendicular.
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T: Talk to your partner about what you know about perpendicular lines.
S: Lines that intersect and create 90-degree angles are perpendicular. → Perpendicular lines are intersecting lines that form right angles. → The sides of right angles are perpendicular. → The sum of the four angles of two intersecting perpendicular lines is 360 degrees, or 4 times 90 degrees.

T: Analyze the rest of the lines in Problems (b–d) to see if they are perpendicular.

Problem 2: Prove by folding that the sum of the acute angles of a given right triangle is 90 degrees.

Note: Demonstrate and pause throughout the constructions as necessary for students.

T: Take out triangle $RST$ that we used during Lesson 14. (Distribute an unlined piece of paper to each student.)

T: Fold the triangle so that vertex $T$ and vertex $S$ match up with vertex $R$.

T: What do you notice? Turn and talk.
S: $\angle S$ and $\angle T$ completely cover $\angle R$, with no overlap. → $\angle S$ and $\angle T$ must add up to 90 degrees because when they’re put together at $\angle R$, they’re the same as $\angle R$. → I did this in fourth grade. $R$ is 90 degrees, so the sum of $S$ and $T$ must be 90 degrees also.

T: Work with your partner. Cut the bottom corner off your blank paper, and fold it the same way you folded $\triangle RST$. What do you notice?

T: When one angle of a triangle is a right angle, the measures of the other two angles add up to 90 degrees. (Write $\angle S + \angle T = 90^\circ$.) Keep this in mind as we work today.

Problem 3: Construct perpendicular line segments using the sum of the acute angles and a straightedge.

T: Place your straightedge horizontally across your paper. Then, position triangle $RST$ so that $\overline{SR}$ runs along your straightedge. (See the images to the right.)

T: Use the triangle template to trace $\overline{ST}$. Then, trace the base and height of the triangle using a dashed line, and label the interior angles as $r^\circ$, $s^\circ$, and $t^\circ$.

T: Next, slide triangle $RST$ to the left along your straightedge until $\angle R$ shares a vertex with angle $s^\circ$.

T: Finally, rotate triangle $RST$ 90 degrees clockwise, and arrange $\overline{RT}$ so that it forms a straight angle with $\overline{SR}$ along your straightedge.

T: A straight angle measures how many degrees?
S: 180°.

T: Trace $\overline{ST}$, and then use dashed lines to trace the shorter sides of the triangle.
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T: Now, let’s label the interior angles. (Point to the topmost angle.) This angle has the same measure as which angle in triangle RST?

S: \( \angle S \).

T: Since it is equal in measure, let’s label it as \( s^\circ \) also.

Repeat with the other interior angles.

T: Label the angle formed by the solid segments (as opposed to dashed lines) we have drawn as \( u^\circ \).

T: (Drag a finger along the straight line angle at the base of the figure.) What is the sum of angles on a straight line? In this case, the measures of angles \( s^\circ \), \( t^\circ \), and \( u^\circ \)?

S: 180 degrees.

T: What did we learn about the sum of \( s^\circ \) and \( t^\circ \)?

S: They add up to 90 degrees.

T: So, if this straight angle measures 180° and the sum of these measures (point to \( s^\circ \) and \( t^\circ \)) is 90°, what do we know about the measure of the third angle (point to \( u^\circ \))? 

S: It’s a right angle. → It measures 90 degrees.

T: (Draw a right angle symbol on the figure.) What is the name we use for segments that form right angles?

S: Perpendicular lines.

T: After sliding and rotating \( \triangle RST \), the two longest sides of the triangles created perpendicular segments. Use some of the other triangle templates from Lesson 13, and work with a partner to draw other examples of perpendicular segments using this method.

Some students may be ready to work independently, while others may need another guided experience. When students are ready, encourage them to orient their straightedges in a variety of ways on their papers.

Problem 4: Construct perpendicular segments on grid paper.

T: Let’s look again at the recording sheet we used earlier. (Display segment (1).) Look at segment (1). Turn and tell your neighbor about a right triangle that has \( ST \) as its longest side.

T: I see a triangle with a height of 2 units and a base of 3 units. (Draw dashed lines to show this triangle.) Draw the base and height of this triangle on your paper, too.

T: Label the vertex of the right angle as \( R \).

T: Label the vertices of the acute angles of the triangle as \( S \) and \( T \).

T: Remind your neighbor what you know about the measures of \( \angle S \) and \( \angle T \) and how you know it.
S: We found out when we folded the triangle that they are the same as the right angle. They add up to the right angle. \( \rightarrow \) The sum of \( \angle S \) and \( \angle T \) is 90°.

T: Use triangle \( RST' \) to draw a segment perpendicular to \( ST' \). Talk with a partner as you do so.

S: We can use the grid lines like we used the ruler. I’m going to slide over triangle \( RST' \) and then rotate it so that it now has a base of 2 units and a height of 3 units. \( \rightarrow \) The sum of \( \angle T \) and \( \angle S \) is 90 degrees, so the third angle must be 90 degrees since the sum of all three angles is 180 degrees.

T: (Allow students time to work.) Yes. You sketched a new triangle, the same as triangle \( RST' \), moved over 5 units and rotated clockwise 90° so that \( SR \) and \( RT \) create a straight angle. (Slide and rotate.) I’ll use a dashed line to sketch \( RT \) and \( RS \) and a solid line to sketch the longest side, \( ST' \). (Sketch the second triangle on the board.)

T: (Drag a finger along the straight line angle at the base of the figure.) What is the sum of angles on a straight line?

S: 180 degrees.

T: So, if this straight line measures 180° and \( \angle S \) and \( \angle T \) add up to 90°, what do we know about the angle that is formed by our solid segments? (Point to the area of the figure between \( \angle T \) and \( \angle S \).)

S: It’s a right angle. \( \rightarrow \) It measures 90 degrees. \( \rightarrow \) The two longest sides of these triangles intersect to make perpendicular segments.

T: (Display segment (2) on the board.) Continue to sketch a right triangle for each remaining segment. Then, show how that triangle can be moved and sketched again to create a perpendicular segment. Share your work with a neighbor when you are through. (Circulate to assess progress.)

S: (Work and share.)

Problem Set (10 minutes)

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted 10 minutes. For some classes, it may be appropriate to modify the assignment by specifying which problems they work on first. Some problems do not specify a method for solving. Students should solve these problems using the RDW approach used for Application Problems.
Student Debrief (10 minutes)

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The Student Debrief is intended to invite reflection and active processing of the total lesson experience.

Invite students to review their solutions for the Problem Set. They should check work by comparing answers with a partner before going over answers as a class. Look for misconceptions or misunderstandings that can be addressed in the Debrief. Guide students in a conversation to debrief the Problem Set and process the lesson.

Any combination of the questions below may be used to lead the discussion.

- In Problem 1, explain how you determined which sets of segments were perpendicular.
- In Problem 3, do your segments look like your neighbor’s line segments? Are there other lines that are perpendicular to the given segments, or is your figure the only correct response?
- How is drawing perpendicular lines similar to and different from drawing parallel lines?
- How do the dimensions of the triangle affect the size of its interior angles?
- Think back on our fluency activity drawing angles. What can you say about the unmarked angles on the line? How was this similar to our work with the triangle templates?

Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help with assessing students’ understanding of the concepts that were presented in today’s lesson and planning more effectively for future lessons. The questions may be read aloud to the students.
1. Circle the pairs of segments that are perpendicular.

2. In the space below, use your right triangle templates to draw at least 3 different sets of perpendicular lines.
3. Draw a segment perpendicular to each given segment. Show your thinking by sketching triangles as needed.

a. 

b. 

c. 

d. 

4. Draw 2 different lines perpendicular to line e.
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   a.  
   b.  

   c.  
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4. Draw 2 different lines perpendicular to line $b$. 

   a.  
   b.  

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recording sheet
triangle $RST$ (a)
triangle $RST$ (b)