

**Common Core Geometry Proof – Triangles\_2**  
**Isosceles Triangle – Base Angles**

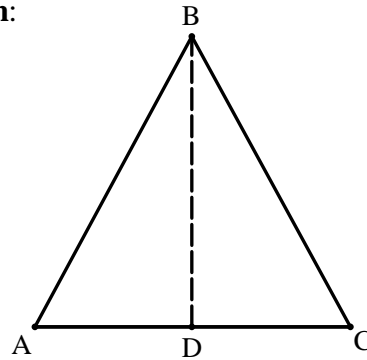
**Theorem:** If a triangle is an isosceles triangle, then the angles opposite the congruent sides (i.e., base angles) are congruent.

**Given:** Isosceles  $\triangle ABC$ , with base  $\overline{AC}$

**Construction:**  $\overline{BD}$  bisects  $\angle ABC$

**Prove:**  $\angle BAC \cong \angle BCA$

**Diagram:**



Statements	Reasons
1. Isosceles $\triangle ABC$ , with base $\overline{AC}$	1. Given
2. $\overline{BD}$ bisects $\angle ABC$	2. Construction
3. $\overline{BA} \cong \overline{BC}$	3. Definition of Isosceles Triangle
4. $\angle ABD \cong \angle CBD$	4. Definition of Angle Bisector
5. $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{AD}$	5. Reflexive Axiom
6. $\triangle BAD \cong \triangle BCD$	6. SAS $\cong$ SAS
7. $\angle BAC \cong \angle BCA$	7. Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles are Congruent (CPCTC)