Reading Assignment 4: Berkeley on Abstract Ideas

REQUIRED
READINGS

Introduction to Berkeley 1998.

QUESTIONS

1. Suppose you present an argument that you believe constitutes a proof of the proposition, ``The sum of the interior angles of a triangle is equal to two right angles.'' An isosceles triangle is pictured in the diagram accompanying your proof. Would Berkeley think your proof is valid for all triangles, including non-isosceles ones? Why or why not?

2. Explain in your own words what Berkeley might mean when he says that a single word may stand for multiple ideas.

REFERENCES

[1] G. Berkeley. *A treatise concerning the principles of human knowledge.* Ed. by J. Dancy. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.