

COOL SIBS



Have you been within earshot of a radio in recent months? If so, you've probably heard the hit single "Cool Kids" by indie-pop group Echosmith—a band with a cool backstory of its own.

Echosmith's members are siblings (pictured left to right): Graham (age 15, drums), Sydney (17, vocals), Noah (18, bass), and Jamie Sierota (22, guitar).

Growing up in a musical family, all four Sierotas were playing multiple instruments by the age of 6!

"Cool Kids" was a hit single in 2014, and not just because of its catchy melody. The song has a reassuring message for listeners. "We feel like everyone has had the desire to fit in at some point, and we wanted to share that story," says Jamie.

In March, Echosmith will finish a four-month tour promoting its debut album, *Talking Dreams*. The tour has meant a lot of sibling quality time on the road.

"We've learned not to push each other's buttons," says Jamie. "It's just not worth it when you have to drive for 10 hours in a van together!"

—JACQUELINE BARBA

CLASSIFYING TRIANGLES

A triangle can be classified by the lengths of its sides or the degrees of its angles. Here are the different classifications used:

- **EQUILATERAL:** All three sides have equal measures. (Slash marks indicate equal measures.)
- **ISOSCELES:** Two sides have equal measures.
- **SCALENE:** All three sides have different measures.
- **RIGHT:** A triangle that has a 90-degree angle. (A box in the corner indicates 90 degrees.)
- **OBTUSE:** A triangle that has an angle greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees.
- **ACUTE:** Each of the three angles is less than 90 degrees.

MATH asked the members of Echosmith five questions about their band. Classify the following triangles to reveal their answers.



- 1 Q:** When did the four of you start performing as a band?
(A) equilateral 2000 **(B) isosceles** 2007



- 2 Q:** How old was lead vocalist Sydney when she first started playing music?
(A) right 2 years old **(B) acute** 5 years old



- 3 Q:** Who is your main collaborator in song writing?
(A) scalene our dad **(B) isosceles** our mom



- 4 Q:** What is the group's favorite snack for the tour van?
(A) acute any type of candy
(B) obtuse anything from Whole Foods



- 5 Q:** What's the best part of touring?
(A) equilateral meeting incredible fans
(B) right traveling to incredible places

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