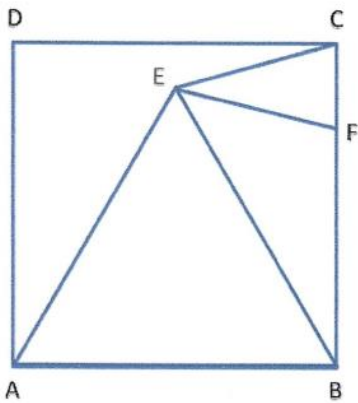


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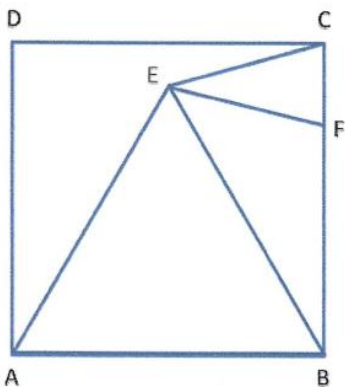


This picture shows an Equilateral Triangle ABE in a Square ABCD.

A point F is on the line BC such that $EC = EF$.

What is the angle BEF?

Answer to Math4Fun question



$$\angle EBC = 90^\circ - 60^\circ = 30^\circ.$$

$EB = AB = BC$ so, triangle EBC is isosceles.

$$\text{Hence } \angle BCE = \frac{1}{2} (180 - 30)^\circ = 75^\circ$$

$EC = EF$, so triangle EFC is isosceles and $\angle EFC = 75^\circ$

$$\angle EFB = (180 - 75)^\circ = 105^\circ \text{ and } \angle FBE = 30^\circ,$$

$$\text{so } \angle BEF = (180 - 105 - 30)^\circ = 45^\circ$$