

# Geometry

## Unit 4: Congruent Triangles

**Priority Standard:** G-CO.10: Completing proofs involving triangle congruency.

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### Unit “I can” statements:

1. I can classify triangles using their sides.
2. I can classify triangles using their angles.
3. I can apply the Triangle Sum Theorem and Exterior Angles Theorem to find unknown angles in triangles.
4. I can identify congruent figures.
5. I can prove triangles congruent using SSS, SAS, HL, ASA and AAS.
6. I can prove corresponding parts of triangles congruent using CPCTC.
7. I can use properties of isosceles and equilateral triangles to prove triangle congruence.

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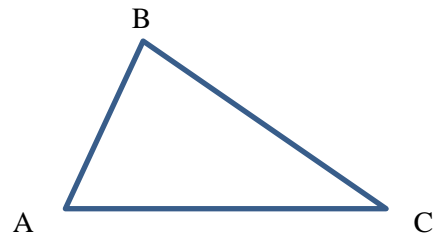
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## Chapter 4.1: Apply Triangle Sum Properties

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A **triangle** is polygon with three sides.

A triangle with vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  is called “triangle  $ABC$ ” or  $\triangle ABC$



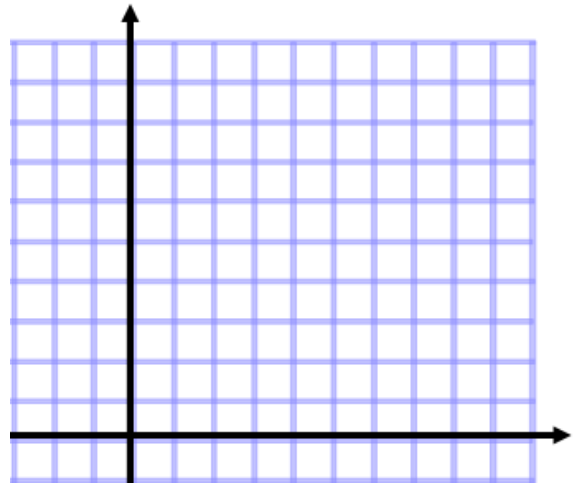
### Classifying Triangles by Sides:

Term	Definition	Example
Scalene Triangle		
Isosceles Triangle		
Equilateral Triangle		

### Classifying Triangles by Angles:

Term	Definition	Example
Acute Triangle		
Right Triangle		
Obtuse Triangle		
Equiangular Triangle		

Example #1: Classify  $\triangle PQQ$  by its sides.  
Vertices P(-1, 2); Q(6,3); O(0, 0)

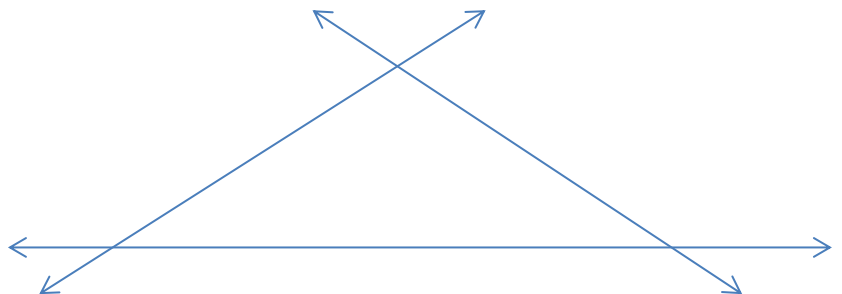


Determine if the triangle is a right triangle.

**Angles:** When the sides of a polygon are extended, other angles are formed. The original angles are the

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

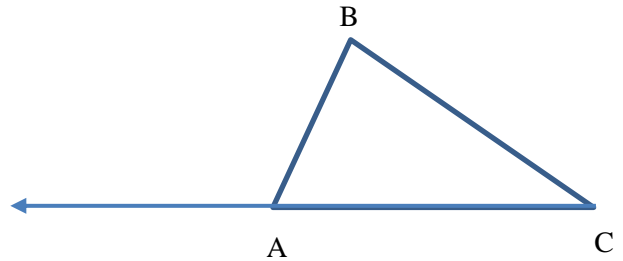


**Triangle Sum Theorem (Theorem 4.1):**

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a triangle is \_\_\_\_\_.

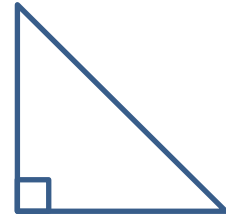
**Exterior Angles Theorem (Theorem 4.2):**

The measure of an exterior angles of a triangle is equal to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the measures of the two \_\_\_\_\_ interior angles.



**Corollary to the Triangle Sum Theorem**

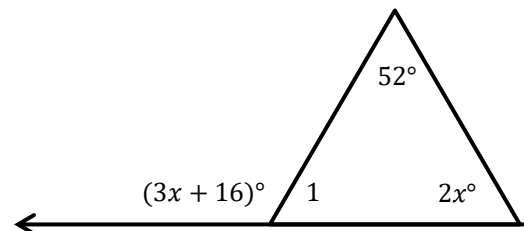
The acute angles of a right triangle are \_\_\_\_\_.



Example #2: The front face of a wheelchair ramp form a right triangle. The measure of one acute angles in the triangle is eight times the measure of the other. Find the measure of each acute angle.



Example #3: Find the value of  $x$  and  $m\angle 1$ .

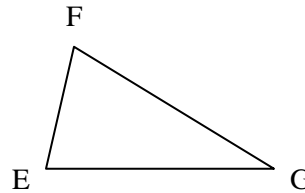
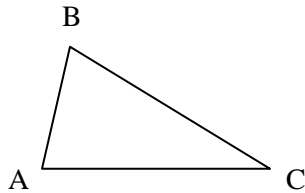


Example #4: Find the measure of each interior angles of  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $m\angle A = x^\circ$ ,  $m\angle B = 2x^\circ$  and  $m\angle C = 3x^\circ$ .

## Chapter 4.2: Apply Congruence and Triangles

Two geometric figures are **congruent** if they have exactly the \_\_\_\_\_ and shape.

In two \_\_\_\_\_, all the parts of one figure are congruent to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the other figure.



Corresponding Angles: \_\_\_\_\_

Corresponding Sides: \_\_\_\_\_

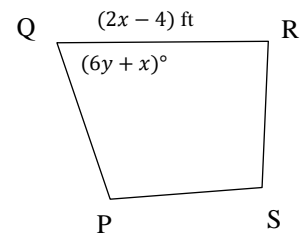
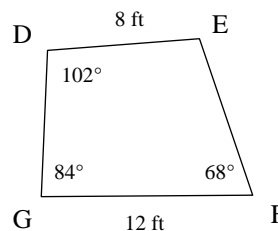
**Congruent Statements:** When you write a congruence statement for two polygons, always list the corresponding vertices in the same order.

Example Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT a Congruent Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

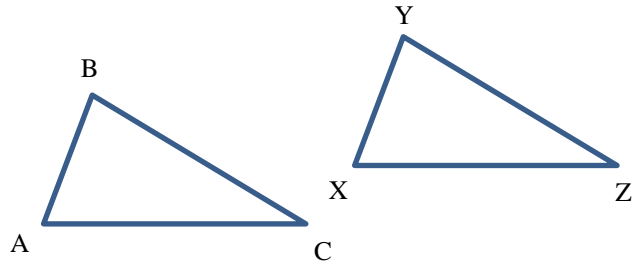
Example #1: In the diagram  $DEFG \cong SPQR$

- Find the value of  $x$
- Find the value of  $y$

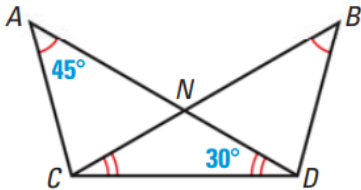


### Third Angles Theorem (Theorem 4.3):

If two angles of one triangle are \_\_\_\_\_  
to two angles of another triangle, then the \_\_\_\_\_  
angles are also congruent.

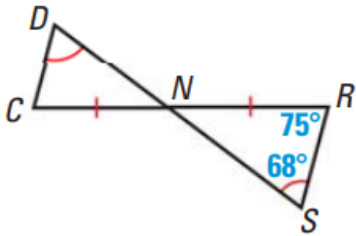


Example #2: Find  $m\angle BDC$



Example #3: In the diagram, what is the  $m\angle DCN$ ?

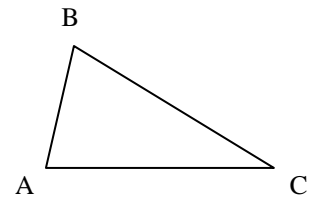
By the definition of congruence, what additional information is needed to know that  $\triangle NDC \cong \triangle NSR$ ?



### Properties of Congruent Triangles (Theorem 4.4):

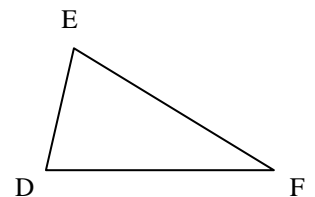
#### Reflective Property of Congruent Triangles

For any triangle ABC, \_\_\_\_\_



#### Symmetric Property of Congruent Triangles

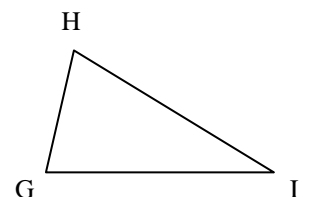
If \_\_\_\_\_



#### Transitive Property of Congruent Triangles

If \_\_\_\_\_

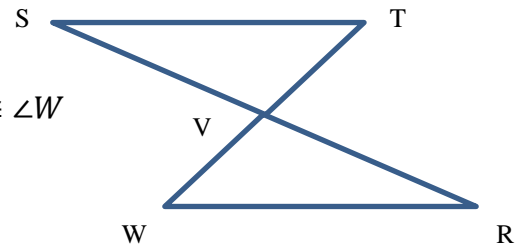
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Example #4: Prove.

**Given:**  $\overline{TV} \cong \overline{WV}$ ,  $\overline{ST} \cong \overline{RW}$ , point V is the midpoint of  $\overline{SR}$ ,  $\angle T \cong \angle W$

**Prove:**  $\triangle STV \cong \triangle RWV$

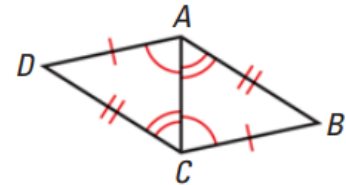


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Example #5: Prove.

**Given:**  $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{CB}$ ,  $\overline{DC} \cong \overline{BA}$ ,  $\angle ACD \cong \angle CAB$ ,  $\angle CAD \cong \angle ACB$

**Prove:**  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle CAB$



Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
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### Chapter 4.3: Prove Triangles Congruent by SSS

#### Side-Side-Side (SSS) Congruence Postulate (Postulate 19):

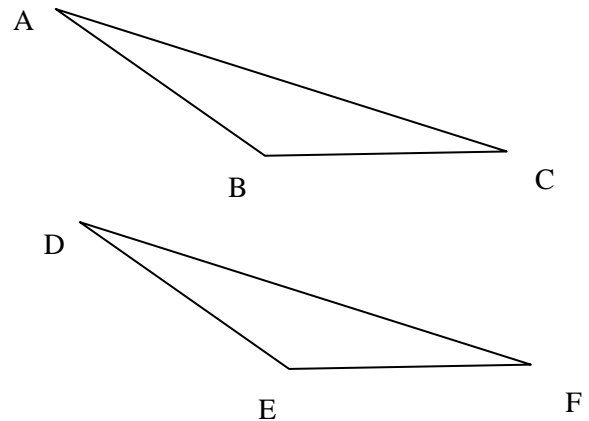
If three sides of one triangle are congruent to three sides of a second triangle, then the two triangles are \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

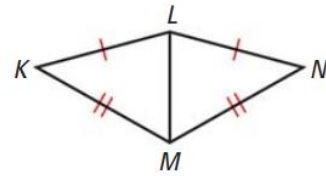
Then \_\_\_\_\_



Example #1: Prove.

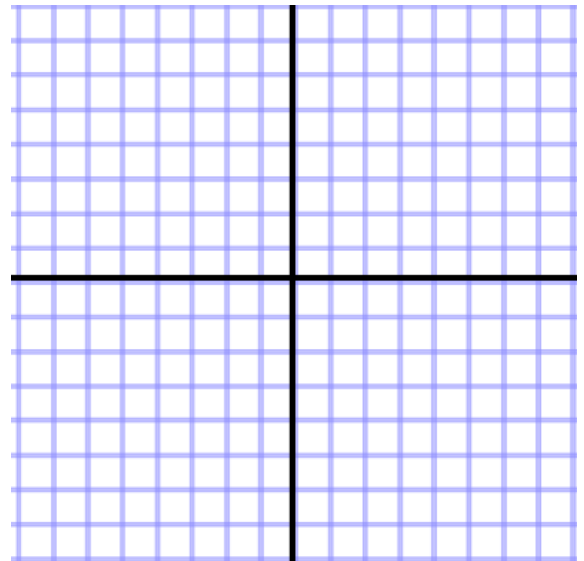
**Given:**  $\overline{KL} \cong \overline{NL}$ ,  $\overline{KM} \cong \overline{NM}$

**Prove:**  $\triangle KLM \cong \triangle NLM$



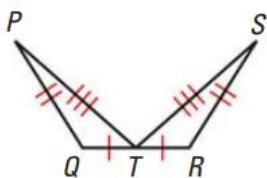
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Example #3: Triangle DFG has vertices D(-2, 4), F(4, 4), and G(-2, 2). Triangle LMN has vertices L(-3, -3), M(-3, 3) and N(-1, -3). Graph the triangles in the same coordinate plane and show that they are congruent.

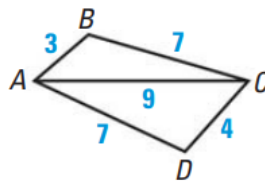


Example #2: Decide whether enough information is given to prove that the triangles are congruent. If there is enough information, state the congruence postulate or theorem you would use.

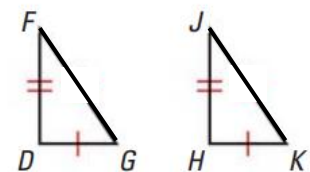
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b.)



c.)

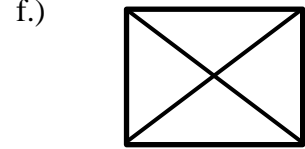
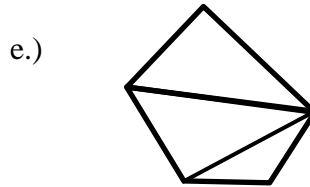
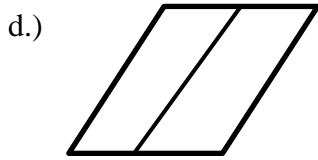
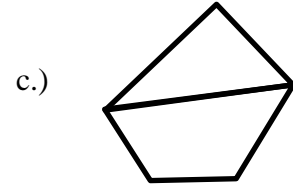
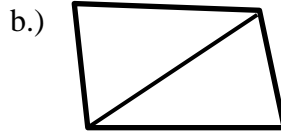
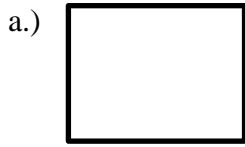




## Stability in Structures:

A diagonal support form triangles with fixed side lengths. By SSS, these triangles cannot change shape. A structure without a diagonal support is not stable because there are many possible quadrilaterals with the given side length.

Example #4: Determine whether the figure is stable.



## Chapter 4.4: Prove Triangles Congruent by SAS and HL

### Side-Angle-Side (SAS) Congruence Postulate (Postulate 20):

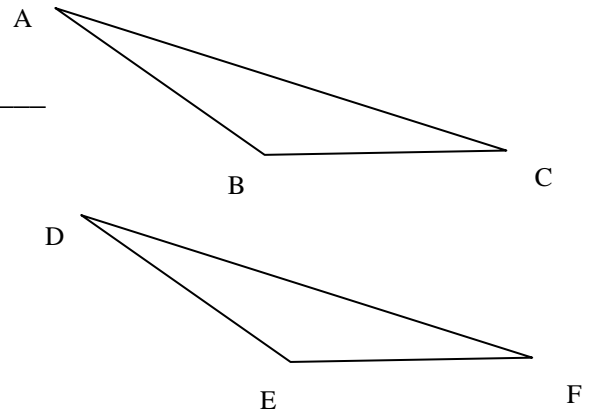
If two sides and the \_\_\_\_\_ angles  
of one triangle are congruent to two sides and the included  
of a second triangle, then the two triangles are \_\_\_\_\_

If \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Then \_\_\_\_\_



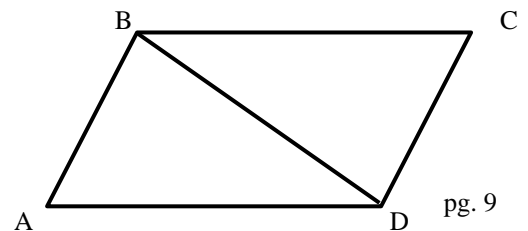
Example #1: Use the diagram to name the included angle between the given pair of sides.

a.)  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BC}$

b.)  $\overline{BC}$  and  $\overline{CD}$

c.)  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BD}$

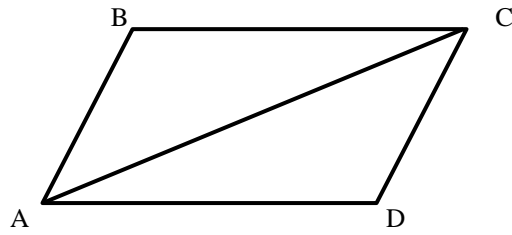
d.)  $\overline{BD}$  and  $\overline{DA}$



Example #2: Prove.

**Given:**  $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{DA}$ ,  $\overline{BC} \parallel \overline{AD}$ ,

**Prove:**  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$



Statement	Reason
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4. _____	4. _____

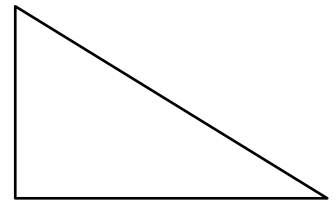
In general, if you know the lengths of two sides and the measure of an angle that is *not included* between them, you can create two different triangles.

Example:



Therefore, SSA is *NOT* a valid method for proving that triangles are congruent, although there is a special case for right triangles.

**Right Triangles:** In a right triangle the sides adjacent to the right angle are called the \_\_\_\_\_. The side opposite the right angles is called the \_\_\_\_\_



**Hypotenuse-Leg (HL) Congruence Theorem (Theorem 4.5):**

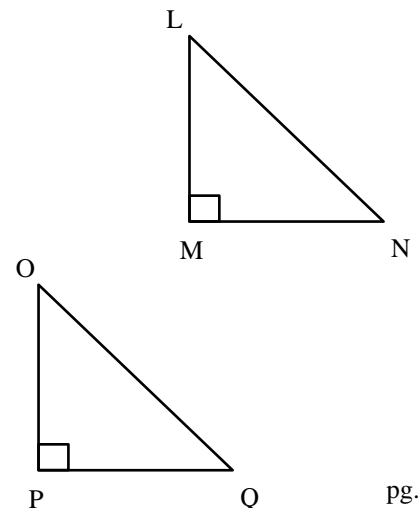
If the \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ of a right triangles are congruent to the hypotenuse and a leg of a second right triangle, then the two triangles are \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

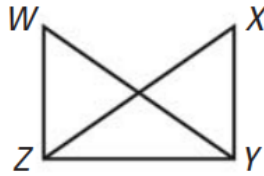
Then \_\_\_\_\_



Example #3: Prove.

**Given:**  $\overline{WY} \cong \overline{XZ}$ ,  $\overline{WZ} \perp \overline{ZY}$ ,  $\overline{XY} \perp \overline{ZY}$

**Prove:**  $\triangle WYZ \cong \triangle XZY$



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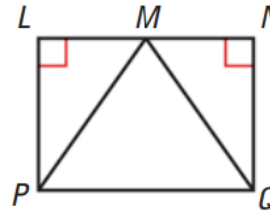
Example #4: Prove.

**Given:** Point M is the midpoint of  $\overline{LN}$

$\triangle PMQ$  is an isosceles triangle with  $\overline{MP} \cong \overline{MQ}$

$\angle L$  and  $\angle N$  are right angles

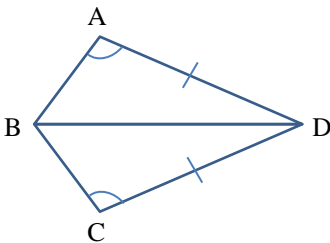
**Prove:**  $\triangle LMP \cong \triangle NMQ$



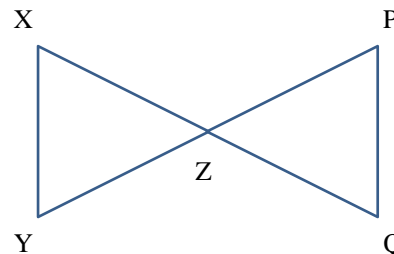
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Example #5: Decide whether enough information is given to prove that the triangles are congruent. If there is enough information, state the congruence postulate or theorem you would use.

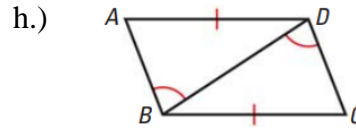
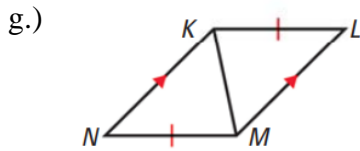
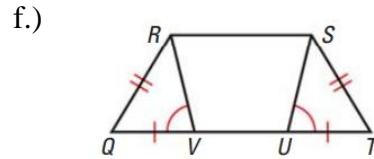
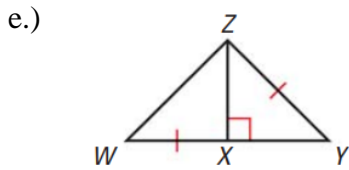
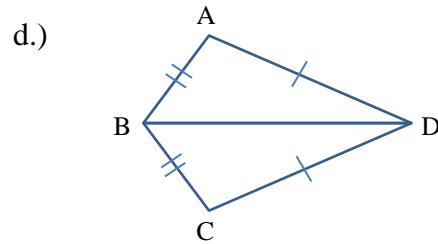
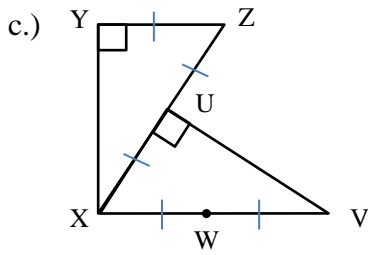
a.)



b.) Z is the midpoint of  $\overline{PY}$  and  $\overline{XQ}$



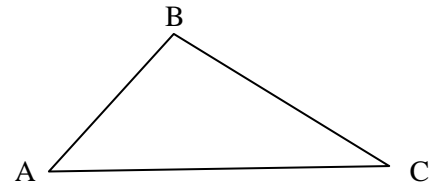
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## Chapter 4.5: Prove Triangles Congruent by ASA and AAS

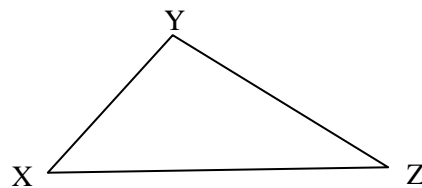
### Angle-Side-Angle (ASA) Congruent Postulate (Postulate 21):

If two angles and the \_\_\_\_\_ side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are \_\_\_\_\_.



If \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Then \_\_\_\_\_



**Angle-Angle-Side (AAS) Congruent Theorem (Theorem 4.6):**

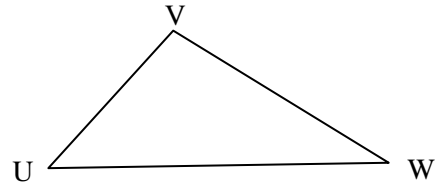
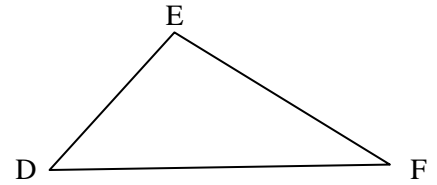
If two angles and a non-included side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the corresponding non-included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_

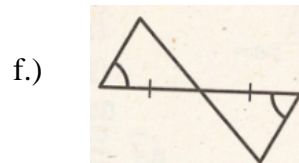
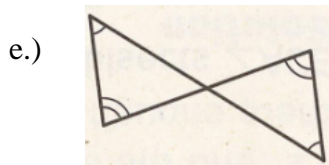
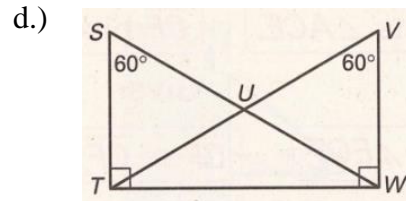
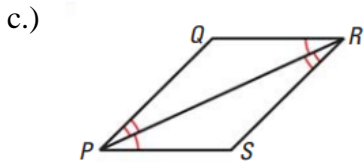
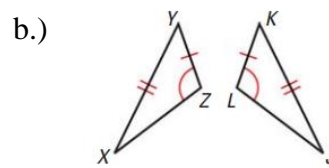
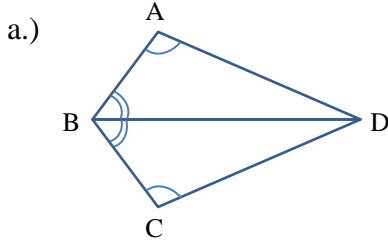
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Then \_\_\_\_\_



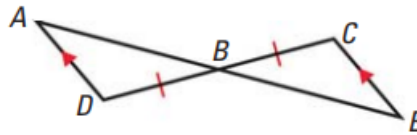
Example #1: Can the triangles be proven congruent with the information given in the diagram? If so, state the postulate or theorem you would use.



Example #2: Prove.

**Given:**  $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{EC}$

**Prove:**  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle EBC$

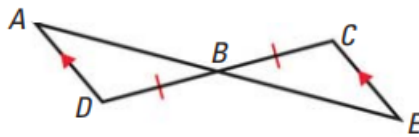


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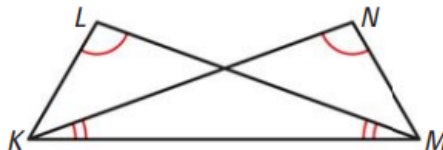


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Example #3: Prove.

**Given:**  $\angle NKM \cong \angle LMK$ ,  $\angle L \cong \angle N$

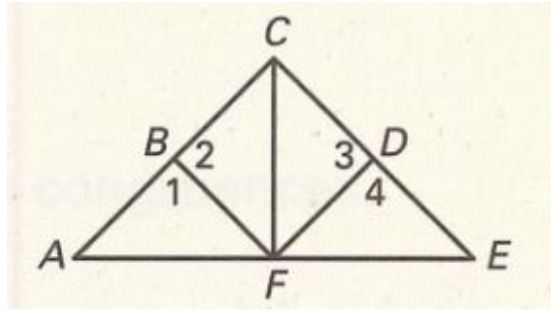
**Prove:**  $\triangle NMK \cong \triangle LKM$



Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____

Example #4: Prove.

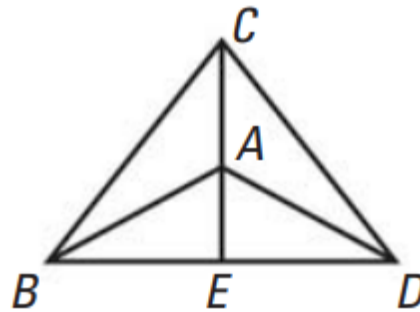
**Given:**  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 4$   
 $\overline{CF}$  bisects  $\angle ACE$   
**Prove:**  $\triangle CBF \cong \triangle CDF$



Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
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7. _____	7. _____

Example #5: Prove.

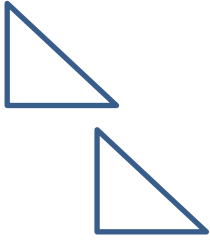
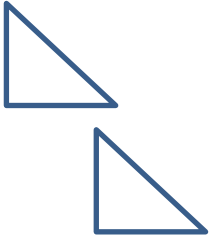
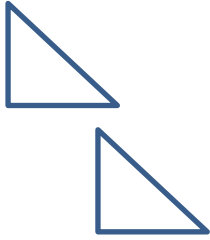
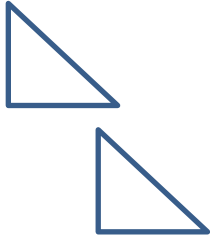
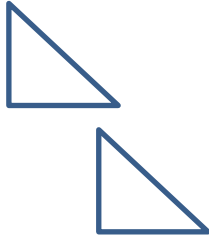
**Given:**  $\overline{CE} \perp \overline{BD}$   
 $\angle CAB \cong \angle CAD$   
**Prove:**  $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ADE$



Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____
7. _____	7. _____
8. _____	8. _____

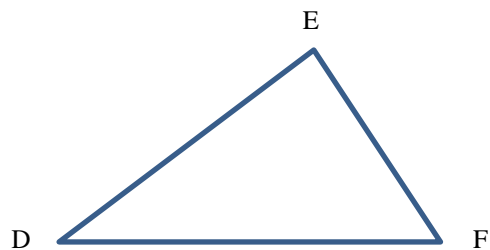
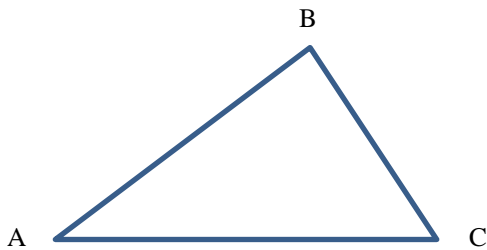
# Chapter 4.6: Use Congruent Triangles

Review:

Triangle Congruence Postulates and Theorems				
				

By definition (from section 2):

## Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles are Congruent



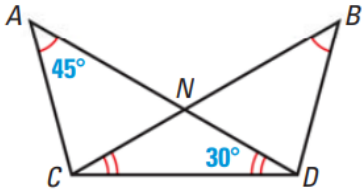
Congruence Statement: \_\_\_\_\_ because of this you know...

**IMPORTANT!!** Before we can prove corresponding sides or angles are congruent, we **MUST** prove that the triangles are congruent using

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,



Example #1:  $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle BCD$  by \_\_\_\_\_. What other parts of the triangles are congruent by CPCTC??

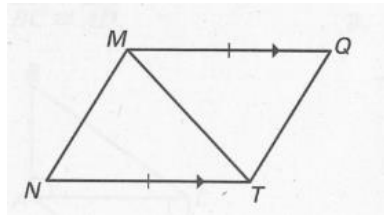


\_\_\_\_\_  $\cong$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  $\cong$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  $\cong$  \_\_\_\_\_

Example #2: Prove.

**Given:**

**Prove:**  $\overline{MN} \cong \overline{TQ}$

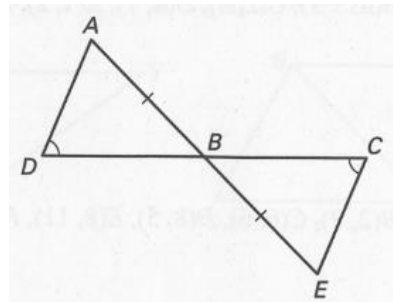


Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____

Example #3: Prove.

**Given:**

**Prove:**  $\overline{DB} \cong \overline{CB}$

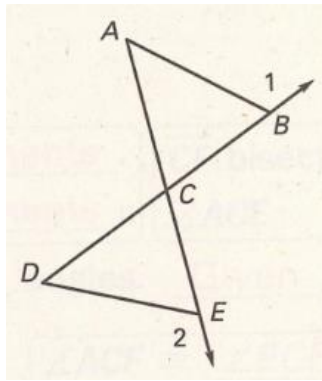


Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

Example #4: Prove.

**Given:**  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$ ,  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$

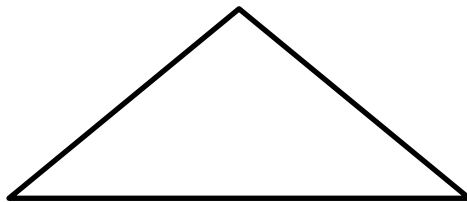
**Prove:**  $\overline{DC} \cong \overline{AC}$



Statement	Reason
1. _____	1. _____
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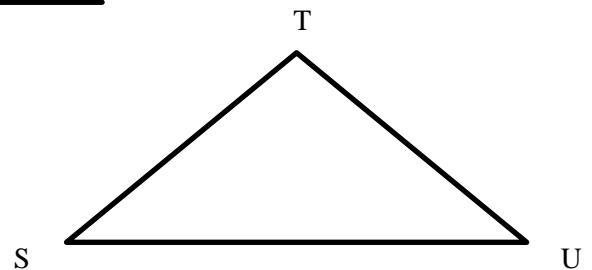
## Chapter 4.7: Use Isosceles and Equilateral Triangles

**Isosceles Triangle:**



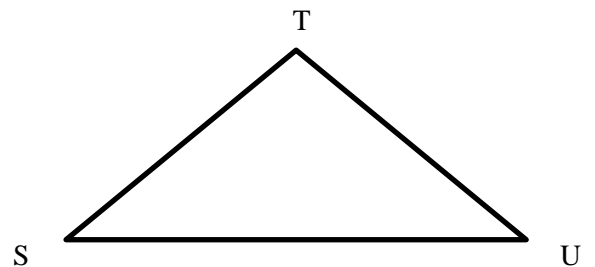
**Base Angles Theorem (Theorem 4.7):**

If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles  
\_\_\_\_\_ them are congruent.



**Converse of Base Angles Theorem (Theorem 4.8):**

If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides  
\_\_\_\_\_ them are congruent.

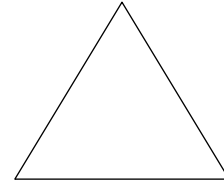


### Corollary to the Base Angles Theorem

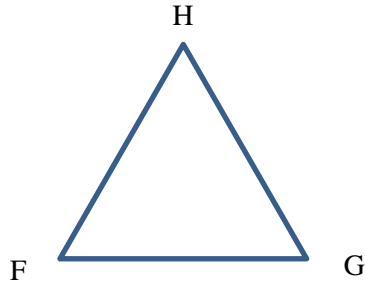
If a triangle is equilateral, then it is equiangular.

### Corollary to the Converse Base Angles Theorem

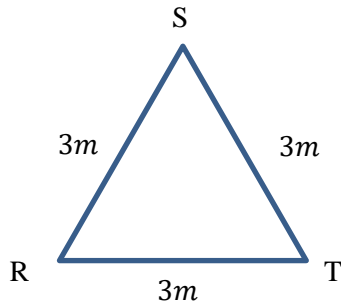
If a triangle is equiangular, then it is equilateral



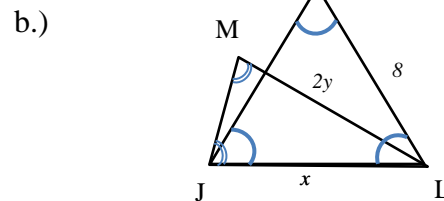
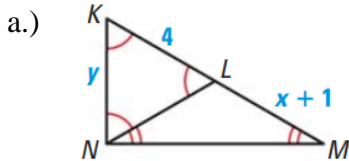
Example #1: In  $\triangle FGH$ ,  $\overline{FH} \cong \overline{GH}$ . Name two congruent angles.



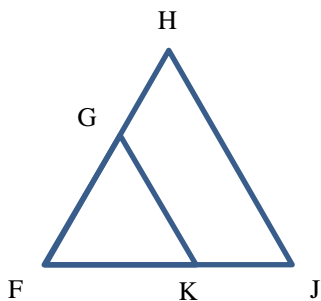
Example #2: Find the measures of  $\angle R$ ,  $\angle S$ , and  $\angle T$



Example #3: Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  in the diagram.



Example #4: Complete the statements



If  $\overline{FH} \cong \overline{FJ}$ , then,  $\angle \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \cong \angle \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

If  $\triangle FGK$  is equiangular and  $FG = 15$ , the  $GK = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$