

# Chapter 4.2: Apply Congruence and Triangles

YOU WILL IDENTIFY CONGRUENT FIGURES, PARTS,  
AND WRITE CONGRUENCE STATEMENTS.

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# CONGRUENCE

Two geometric figures are **congruent** if they have exactly the same size and shape.

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## Congruence Statements

In two **congruent figures**, all the parts of one figure are congruent to the **corresponding parts** of the other figure.

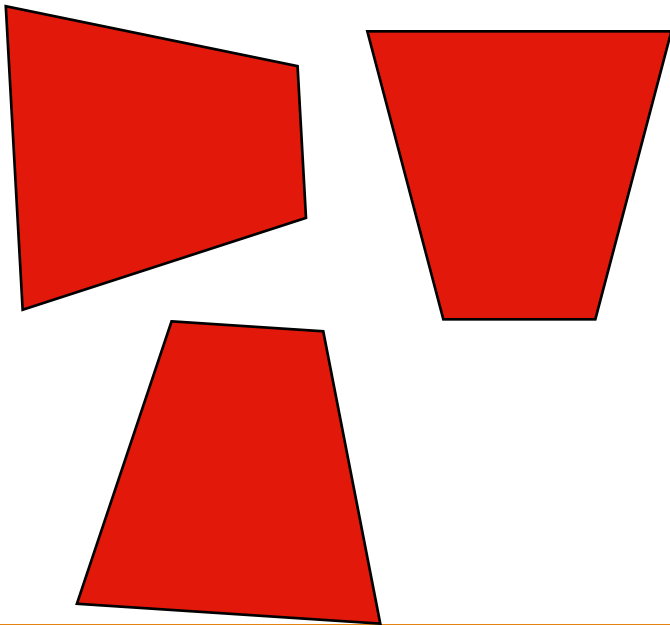
In congruent polygons, this means that the *corresponding sides* and the *corresponding angles are congruent*.

# Identifying congruent figures

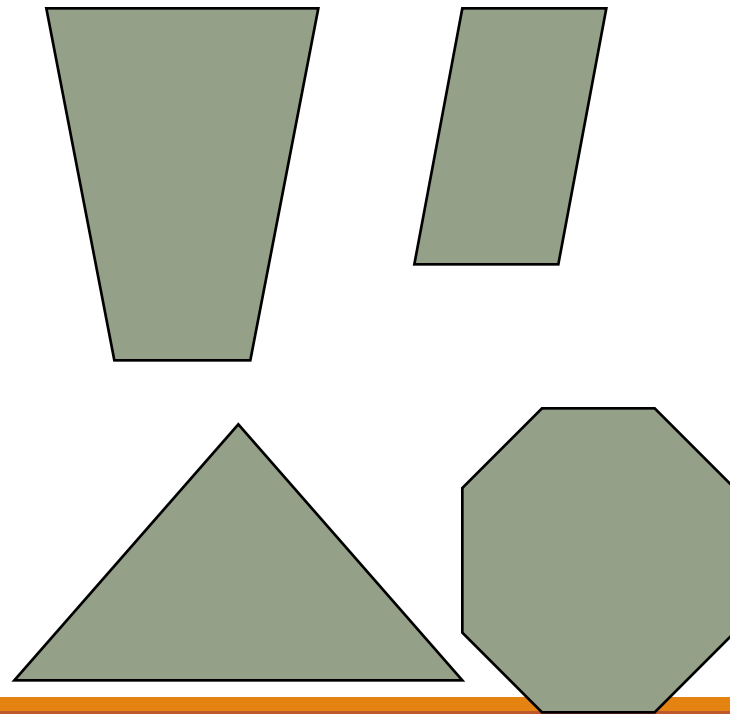
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# Congruent Parts in Triangles

Corresponding angles

$$\angle A \cong \angle P$$

$$\angle B \cong \angle Q$$

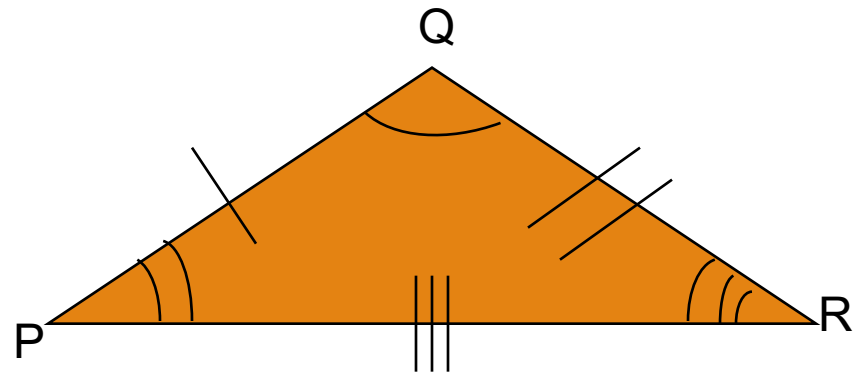
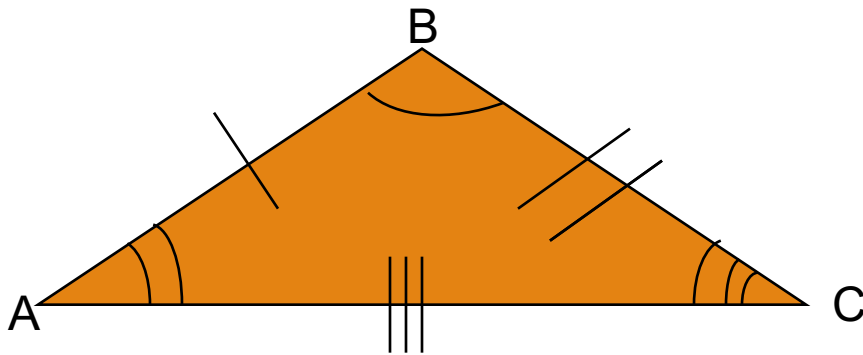
$$\angle C \cong \angle R$$

Corresponding Sides

$$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{PQ}$$

$$\overline{BC} \cong \overline{QR}$$

$$\overline{CA} \cong \overline{RP}$$

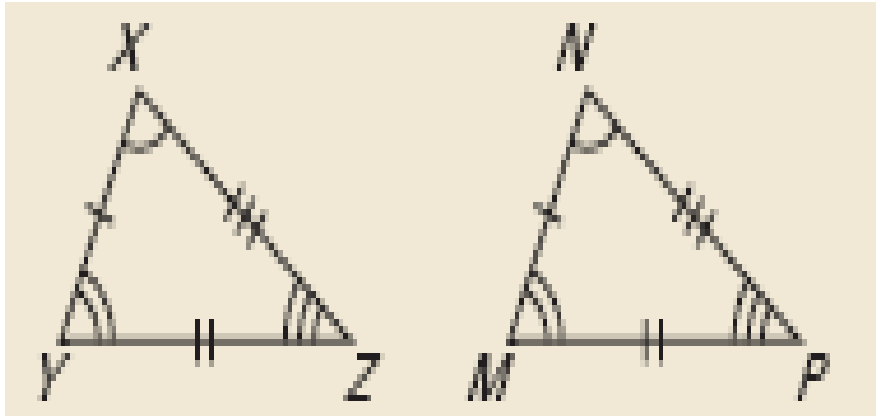


Congruence Statement:  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$

# You Try

Ex.1: Write a congruence statement for the triangles. Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts.

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Corresponding Sides:

Corresponding Angles:

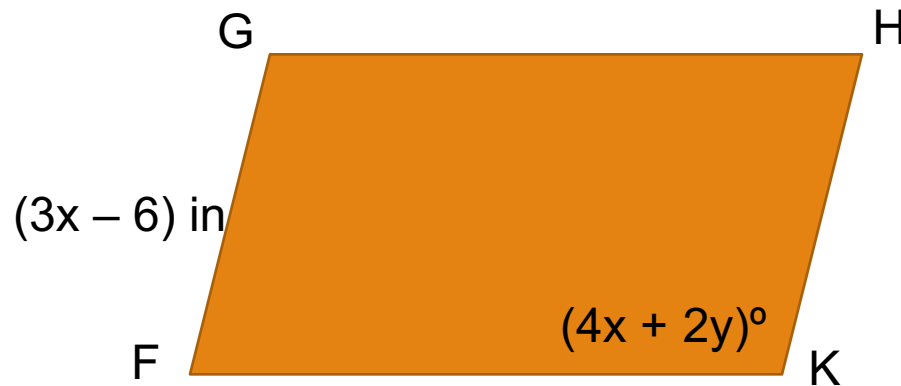
Congruence Statement:

$$\triangle XYZ \cong \triangle NMP$$

Ex.2: In the diagram,  $ABCD \cong FGHK$

a. Find the value of  $x$ .

b. Find the value of  $y$ .



$$AB \cong FG$$

$$9 = 3x - 6$$

$$15 = 3x$$

$$x = 5 \text{ in}$$

$$\angle FKH \cong \angle ADC$$

$$4x + 2y = 136$$

$$4(5) + 2y = 136$$

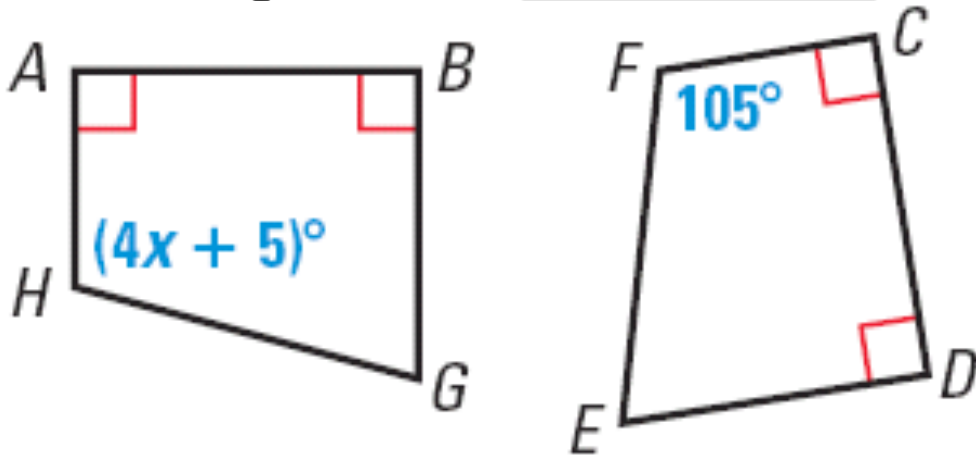
$$20 + 2y = 136$$

$$2y = 116$$

$$y = 58^\circ$$

*You Try*

Ex.3: In the diagram below,  $\underline{ABGH \cong CDEF}$



- Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts.
- Find the value of  $x$  and find  $m \angle H$ .

Congruent Angles

Congruent Sides

$$4x + 5 = 105$$

$$4x = 100$$

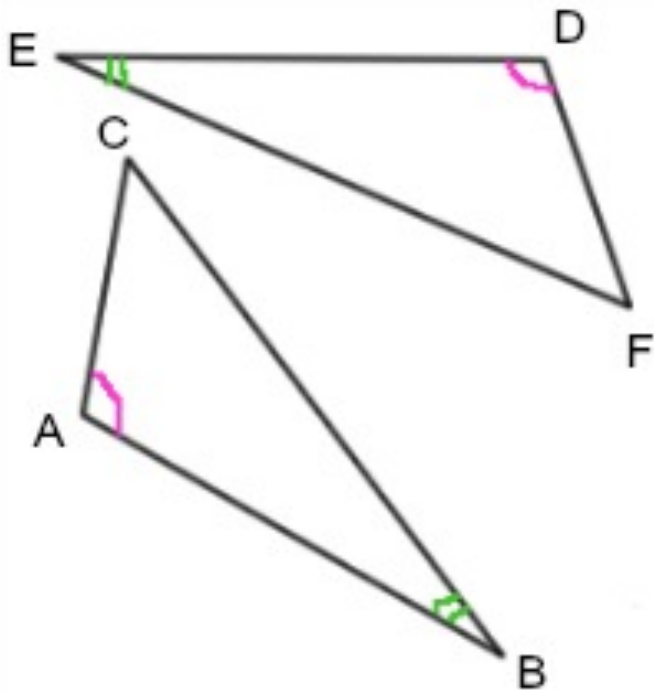
$$x = \mathbf{25}$$

$$m \angle H = \mathbf{105^\circ}$$

# Third Angles Theorem

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

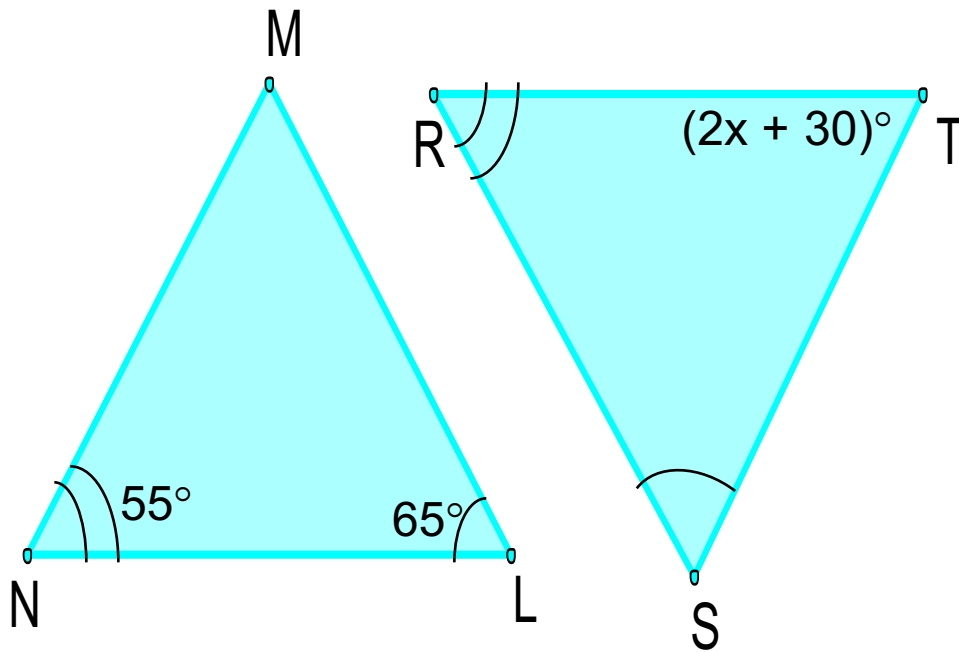


If angle  $A$  and angle  $D$  are congruent and angle  $B$  and angle  $E$  are congruent, then angle  $C$  and angle  $F$  are congruent as well.



# Ex. 3 Using the Third Angles Theorem

Find the value of  $x$ .



$$\angle N \cong \angle R \text{ and } \angle L \cong \angle S$$

$$\angle M \cong \angle T. \text{ So } m\angle M = m\angle T$$

From the Triangle Sum Theorem....

$$m\angle M = 180^\circ - 55^\circ - 65^\circ = 60^\circ$$

$$m\angle M = m\angle T$$

$$60^\circ = (2x + 30)^\circ$$

$$30 = 2x$$

$$15 = x$$

## Writing a Proof:

Given:  $SV \cong RV$ ,  $TV \cong WV$ ,  $ST \cong RW$ .  $\angle W \cong \angle T$

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



Statement	Reason
1. $SV \cong RV$ , $TV \cong WV$ , $ST \cong RW$ , $\angle W \cong \angle T$	1. Given
2. $\angle SVT \cong \angle RVW$	2. Vert. Angles Thm
3. $\angle S \cong \angle R$	3. Third Angles Thm
4. $\triangle STV \cong \triangle RWV$	4. Congruent Angles, Sides

## Theorem 4.4 Properties of Congruent Triangles:

- Reflexive Property of Congruent Triangles:

- For any triangle ABC,  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABC$

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- Symmetric Property of Congruent Triangles:

If  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ , then  $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle ABC$

- Transitive Property of Congruent Triangles:

If  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle JKL$ , then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle JKL$

