5.2 Congruent Polygons

Learning Target:	Understand congruence in terms of rigid motions.
Success Criteria:	 I can use rigid motions to show that two triangles are congruent. I can identify corresponding parts of congruent polygons.
	 I can use congruent polygons to solve problems.

EXPLORE IT! Describing Rigid Motions

Work with a partner.



When the corresponding sides and corresponding angles of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are congruent, can you conclude that a rigid motion or a composition of rigid motions maps $\triangle ABC$ to $\triangle FED$? Explain.



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- i. Explain why the statement is true.
 - If a rigid motion or a composition of rigid motions maps $\triangle ABC$ to $\triangle DEF$, then the corresponding sides and corresponding angles of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are congruent.
- ii. Show why the statement is true.
 - If the corresponding sides and corresponding angles of
 - ΔABC and ΔDEF are congruent, then a rigid motion or a
 - composition of rigid motions maps $\triangle ABC$ to $\triangle DEF$.
- **b.** For each pair of triangles, describe a rigid motion or a composition of rigid motions that maps one of the triangles to the other. Then explain what you can conclude about each pair of triangles.



Geometric Reasoning

MA.912.GR.1.6 Solve mathematical and real-world problems involving congruence or similarity in two-dimensional figures.

MA.912.GR.2.6 Apply rigid transformations to map one figure onto another to justify that the two figures are congruent.

Also MA.912.GR.2.7

Vocabulary Vocab corresponding parts, p. 238

STUDY TIP

Notice that both of the following statements are true.

- If two triangles are congruent, then all their corresponding parts are congruent.
- 2. If all the corresponding parts of two triangles are congruent, then the triangles are congruent.

Identifying and Using Corresponding Parts

Recall that two geometric figures are congruent if and only if a rigid motion or a composition of rigid motions maps one of the figures onto the other. A rigid motion maps each part of a figure to a **corresponding part** of its image. Because rigid motions preserve length and angle measure, corresponding parts of congruent figures are congruent. In congruent polygons, this means that the *corresponding sides* and the *corresponding angles* are congruent.

When $\triangle DEF$ is the image of $\triangle ABC$ after a rigid motion or a composition of rigid motions, you can write congruence statements for the corresponding angles and corresponding sides.



Corresponding angles	Corresponding sides
$\angle A \cong \angle D, \angle B \cong \angle E, \angle C \cong \angle F$	$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \ \overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}, \ \overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$

When you write a congruence statement for two polygons, always list the corresponding vertices in the same order. You can write congruence statements in more than one way. Two possible congruence statements for the triangles above are $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ or $\triangle BCA \cong \triangle EFD$.

When all the corresponding parts of two triangles are congruent, you can show that the triangles are congruent. Using the triangles above, first translate $\triangle ABC$ so that point *A* maps to point *D*. This translation maps $\triangle ABC$ to $\triangle DB'C'$. Next, rotate $\triangle DB'C'$ counterclockwise through $\angle C'DF$ so that the image of $\overrightarrow{DC'}$ coincides with \overrightarrow{DF} . Because $\overrightarrow{DC'} \cong \overrightarrow{DF}$, the rotation maps point *C'* to point *F*. So, this rotation maps $\triangle DB'C'$ to $\triangle DB'F$.



Now, reflect $\triangle DB''F$ in the line through points *D* and *F*. This reflection maps the sides and angles of $\triangle DB''F$ to the corresponding sides and corresponding angles of $\triangle DEF$, so $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$.

So, to show that two triangles are congruent, it is sufficient to show that their corresponding parts are congruent. In general, this is true for all polygons.

STUDY TIP

To help you identify corresponding parts, rotate $\triangle TSR$.



EXAMPLE 1

Identifying Corresponding Parts



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

SOLUTION

The diagram indicates that $\triangle JKL \cong \triangle TSR$.

Corresponding angles $\angle J \cong \angle T, \angle K \cong \angle S, \angle L \cong \angle R$ **Corresponding sides** $\overline{JK} \cong \overline{TS}, \overline{KL} \cong \overline{SR}, \overline{LJ} \cong \overline{RT}$







Using Properties of Congruent Figures



In the diagram, $DEFG \cong SPQR$.

- **a.** Find the value of *x*.
- **b.** Find the value of *y*.

SOLUTION

a. You know that $\overline{FG} \cong \overline{QR}$. FG = QR 12 = 2x - 4 16 = 2x8 = x



EXAMPLE 3





You divide a wall into orange and blue sections along \overline{JK} . Will the sections of the wall be the same size and shape? Explain.

SOLUTION

From the diagram, $\angle A \cong \angle C$ and $\angle D \cong \angle B$ because all right angles are congruent. Also, by the Lines Perpendicular to a Transversal Theorem, $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DC}$. Then $\angle 1 \cong \angle 4$ and $\angle 2 \cong \angle 3$ by the Alternate Interior Angles Theorem. So, all pairs of corresponding angles are congruent. The diagram shows $\overline{AJ} \cong \overline{CK}$, $\overline{KD} \cong \overline{JB}$, and $\overline{DA} \cong \overline{BC}$. By the Reflexive Property of Segment Congruence, $\overline{JK} \cong \overline{KJ}$. So, all pairs of corresponding sides are congruent. Because all corresponding parts are congruent, $AJKD \cong CKJB$.

• Yes, the two sections will be the same size and shape.

THEOREM

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5.3 Properties of Triangle Congruence

Triangle congruence is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

Reflexive For any triangle $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABC$.

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

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

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STUDY TIP

The properties of congruence that are true for segments and angles are also true for triangles.

Using the Third Angles Theorem

THEOREM

5.4 Third Angles Theorem

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



Prove this Theorem Exercise 21, page 242



Find $m \angle BDC$.

SOLUTION

EXAMPLE 5

SOLUTION

that $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle CAB$.

Using the Third Angles Theorem

 $\angle A \cong \angle B$ and $\angle ADC \cong \angle BCD$, so by the Third Angles Theorem, $\angle ACD \cong \angle BDC$.

Proving that Triangles Are Congruent

So, $m \angle BDC = m \angle ACD = 105^{\circ}$ by the definition of congruent angles.

By the Triangle Sum Theorem, $m \angle ACD = 180^{\circ} - 45^{\circ} - 30^{\circ} = 105^{\circ}$.



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

Prove $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle CAB$

Use the information in the figure to prove

Plan a. Use the Reflexive Property of Segment Congruence to show that $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{CA}$. **b.** Use the Third Angles Theorem to show that $\angle B \cong \angle D$.

Plan STATEMENTS	REASONS
Action 1. $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{CB}, \overline{DC} \cong \overline{BA}$	1. Given
a. 2. $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{CA}$	2. Reflexive Property of Segment Congruence
3. $\angle ACD \cong \angle CAB$, $\angle CAD \cong \angle ACB$	3. Given
b. 4. $\angle B \cong \angle D$	4. Third Angles Theorem
5. $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle CAB$	5. All corresponding parts are congruent.

SELF-ASSESSMENT 1 I don't understand yet. 2 I can do it with help.

Use the diagram.

- **4.** Find $m \angle DCN$.
- **5. REASONING** What additional information is needed to conclude that $\triangle NDC \cong \triangle NSR$?



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I can do it on my own.

4



I can teach someone else.

5.2 Practice with CalcChat® AND CalcVIEW®

In Exercises 1 and 2, write a congruence statement for the polygons. Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts. (*See Example 1.*)



In Exercises 3–6, $\triangle XYZ \cong \triangle MNL$. Complete the statement.



In Exercises 7 and 8, find the values of x and y. (See Example 2.)





8. $\triangle MNP \cong \triangle TUS$



In Exercises 9 and 10, show that the polygons are congruent. Explain your reasoning. (See Example 3.)





In Exercises 11 and 12, name the property that the statement illustrates.

- **11.** If $\triangle QRS \cong \triangle TUV$ and $\triangle TUV \cong \triangle XYZ$, then $\triangle QRS \cong \triangle XYZ$.
- **12.** If $\triangle EFG \cong \triangle JKL$, then $\triangle JKL \cong \triangle EFG$.

In Exercises 13 and 14, find $m \angle 1$. (See Example 4.)



15. PROOF Triangular postage stamps, like the ones shown, are highly valued by stamp collectors. Prove that $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$. (See Example 5.)



Given $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DC}, \overline{AB} \cong \overline{DC},$ \underline{E} is the midpoint of \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} .

Prove $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$

16. PROOF Use the information in the figure to prove that $\triangle ABG \cong \triangle DCF$.



17. HELP A CLASSMATE Explain to a classmate how to find $m \angle R$.





- **c.** Explain how you know that $\angle GEB \cong \angle GED$.
- **d.** Do you have enough information to prove that $\triangle BEG \cong \triangle DEG$? Explain.
- **19. REASONING** Which of the triangles appear congruent? Which of the triangles appear similar? Explain your reasoning. How can you justify your answer?



20. REASONING $\triangle JKL$ is congruent to $\triangle XYZ$. Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts.

21. PROVING A THEOREM Prove the Third Angles Theorem by using the Triangle Sum Theorem.

22. THOUGHT PROVOKING Draw a triangle. Copy the triangle multiple times to create a rug design made of congruent triangles. Which property guarantees that all the triangles are congruent?

CONNECTING CONCEPTS In Exercises 23 and 24, use the given information to write and solve a system of linear equations to find the values of *x* and *y*.

- **23.** $\triangle LMN \cong \triangle PQR, m \angle L = 40^\circ, m \angle M = 90^\circ, m \angle P = (17x y)^\circ, m \angle R = (2x + 4y)^\circ$
- **24.** $\triangle STU \cong \triangle XYZ, m \angle T = 28^\circ, m \angle U = (4x + y)^\circ, m \angle X = 130^\circ, m \angle Y = (8x 6y)^\circ$
- **25. PROOF** Prove that the criteria for congruent triangles are equivalent to the definition of congruence in terms of rigid motions.

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26. Find the measure of the exterior angle.



In Exercises 27 and 28, graph $\triangle FGH$ with vertices F(-6, 3), G(3, 0), and H(3, -6) and its image after the similarity transformation.

- **27.** Translation: $(x, y) \to (x + 2, y 1)$ Dilation: $(x, y) \to (2x, 2y)$
- **28.** Dilation: $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}x, \frac{1}{3}y\right)$ Reflection: in the *y*-axis
- **29.** Write a congruence statement for the quadrilaterals. Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts.



30. MODELING REAL LIFE You design a logo for your soccer team. The logo is 3 inches by 5 inches. You decide to dilate the logo to 1.5 inches by 2.5 inches. What is the scale factor of this dilation?

In Exercises 31 and 32, factor the polynomial.

31.
$$t^2 + 7t + 10$$
 32. $2x^2 + 5x - 12$

In Exercises 33 and 34, using *f*, graph *g*. Describe the transformation from the graph of *f* to the graph of *g*.

33.
$$f(x) = 2x; g(x) = 4f(x)$$

34.
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3$$
; $g(x) = f(x - 2)$

In Exercises 35 and 36, determine whether the equation represents a *linear* or *nonlinear* function. Explain.

35.
$$y = 5 - 2x$$

36.
$$18 = -y + x^2$$

