

Geometry  
Triangle Similarity Notes

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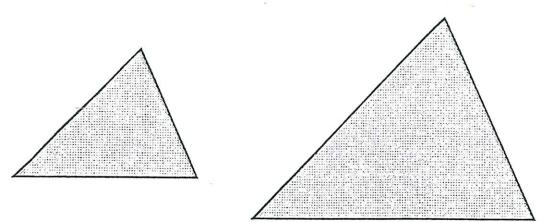
Key

### Triangle Similarity

#### Angle Angle Similarity:

AA~

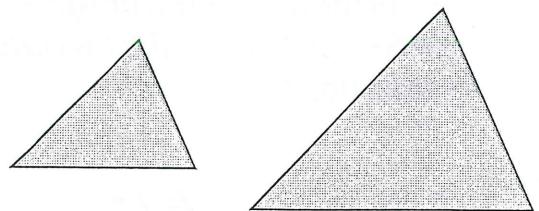
If 2 angles of one triangle are congruent to 2 angles of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.



#### Side Side Side Similarity:

SSS~

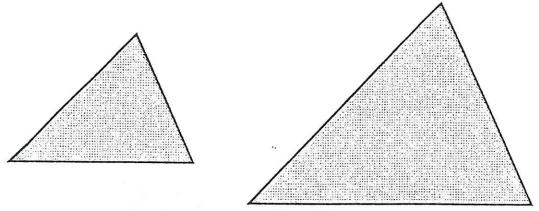
If corresponding sides of two triangles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.



#### Side Angle Side Similarity:

SAS~

If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of another triangle and the sides including those angles are in proportion, then the triangles are similar.



#### **Guided Practice**

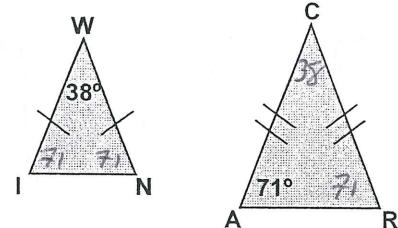
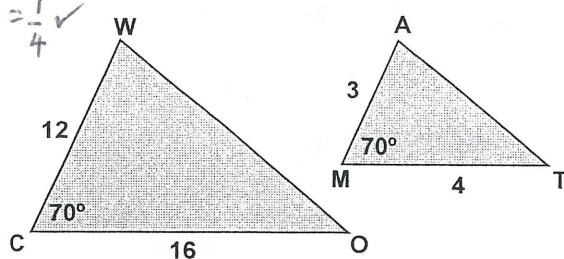
1. Reason: SAS

2. Reason: AA

$$\Delta WCO \sim \Delta AMT$$

$$\Delta WIN \sim \Delta CAR$$

$$\frac{3}{12} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$$

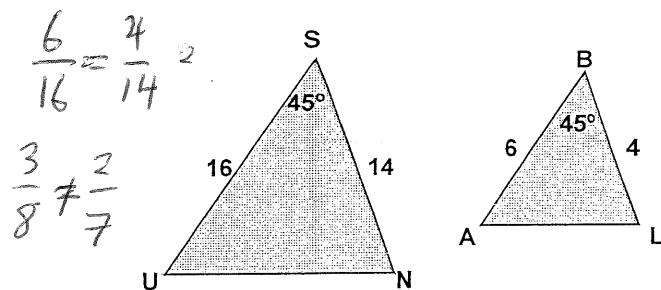


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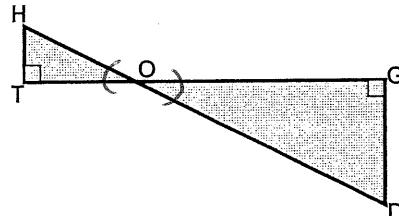
3. Reason: Not similar

4. Reason: AA

$$\Delta \underline{\quad} \sim \Delta \underline{\quad}$$



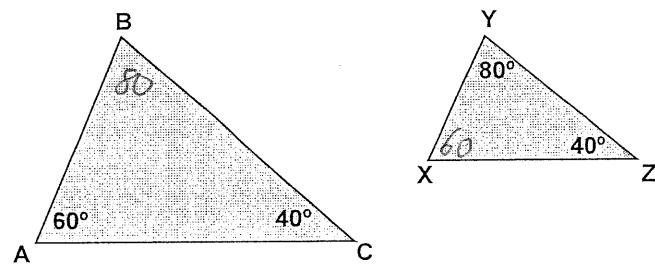
$$\Delta \underline{HOT} \sim \Delta \underline{DOG}$$



Determine if the triangles are similar. If so, state the reason (AA~, SAS~, or SSS~) that would prove this and then complete the similarity statement.

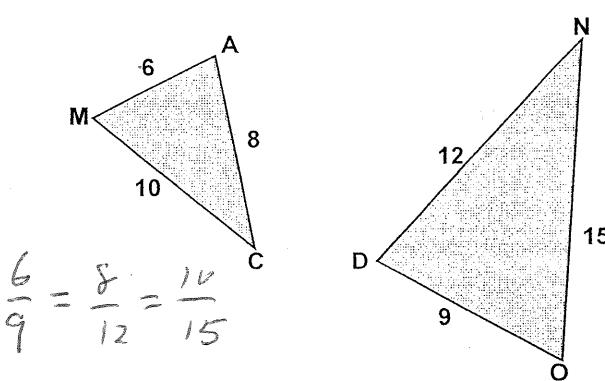
1. Reason: AA

$$\Delta \underline{ABC} \sim \Delta \underline{XYZ}$$



2. Reason: SSS

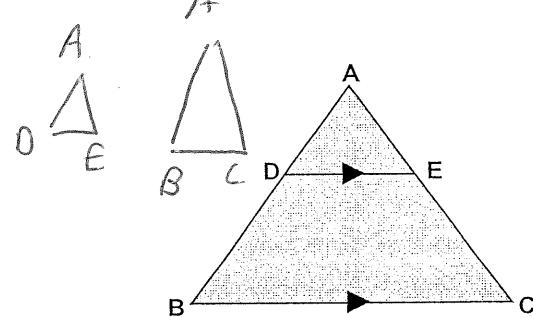
$$\Delta \underline{MAC} \sim \Delta \underline{ODN}$$



$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \checkmark \quad SSS$$

3. Reason: AA

$$\Delta \underline{ADE} \sim \Delta \underline{ABC}$$

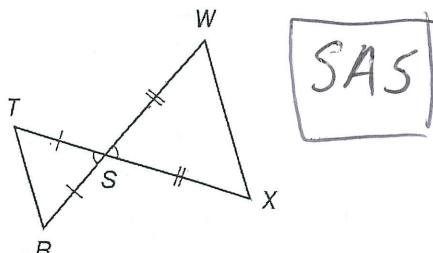


# 7-3 Skills Practice

## Similar Triangles

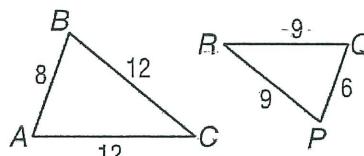
Determine whether each pair of triangles is similar. If so, write a similarity statement. If not, what would be sufficient to prove the triangles similar? Explain your reasoning.

1.



SAS

2.

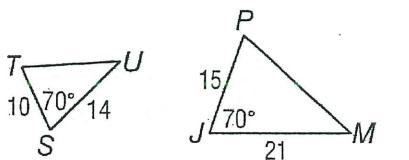


$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4} \checkmark$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

SSS

3.

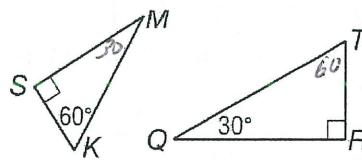


SAS

$$\frac{10}{15} = \frac{14}{21}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \checkmark$$

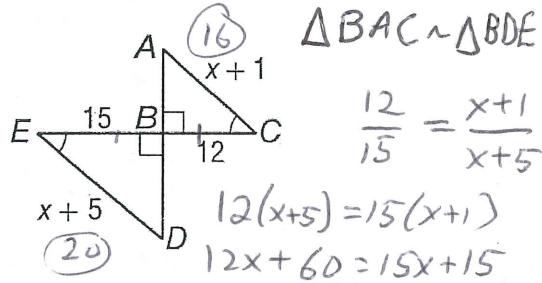
4.



AA

**ALGEBRA** Identify the similar triangles. Then find each measure.

5. AC

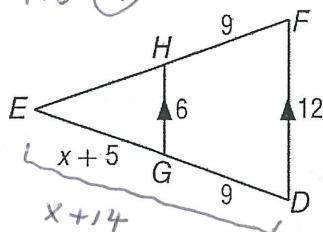
 $\Delta BAC \sim \Delta BDE$ 

$$\frac{12}{15} = \frac{x+1}{x+5}$$

$$12(x+5) = 15(x+1)$$

$$12x + 60 = 15x + 15$$

$$EH = 4+5 = 9$$



$$45 = 3x$$

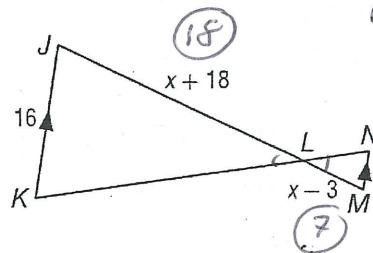
X=15

 $\Delta EGH \sim \Delta EDF$ 

$$\frac{6}{12} = \frac{x+5}{x+14}$$

$$6(x+14) = 12(x+5)$$

6. JL

 $\Delta LJK \sim \Delta LMN$ 

$$\frac{x+18}{x-3} = \frac{16}{4}$$

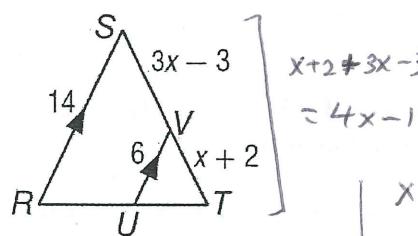
$$4(x+18) = 16(x-3)$$

$$4x + 72 = 16x - 48$$

$$120 = 12x$$

$$10 = x$$

8. VT



$$x = 3.4$$

$$VT = 3.4 + 2$$

VT = 5.4

$$6x + 84 = 12x + 60$$

$$24 = 6x$$

$$4 = x$$

$$\frac{6}{14} = \frac{x+2}{4x-1}$$

$$6(4x-1) = 14(x+2)$$

$$24x - 6 = 14x + 28$$

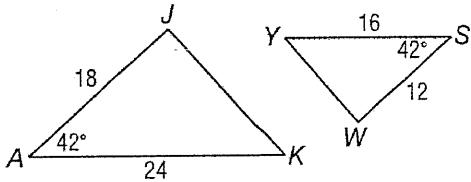
$$10x = 34$$

# 7-3 Practice

## Similar Triangles

Determine whether the triangles are similar. If so, write a similarity statement. If not, what would be sufficient to prove the triangles similar? Explain your reasoning.

9)



$$\frac{12}{18} = \frac{16}{24} \quad \boxed{\text{SAS}}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \triangle JAK \sim \triangle WSY$$

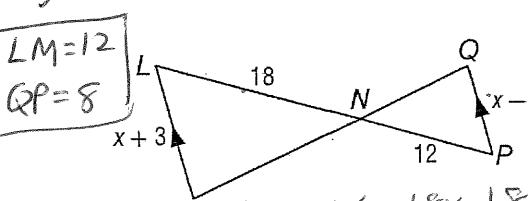
**ALGEBRA** Identify the similar triangles. Then find each measure.

11) LM, QP

 $\triangle LNM \sim \triangle PNQ$ 

$$\frac{12}{18} = \frac{x-1}{x+3}$$

$$12(x+3) = 18(x-1)$$



$$54 = 6x \\ 9 = x$$

13) PS, PR

$$\frac{6}{x+7} = \frac{8}{2x+6}$$

$$6(2x+6) = 8(x+7)$$

$$12x+36 = 8x+56$$

$$4x = 20 \\ x = 5$$

15) **INDIRECT MEASUREMENT** A lighthouse casts a 128-foot shadow. A nearby lamppost that measures 5 feet 3 inches casts an 8-foot shadow.

- a. Write a proportion that can be used to determine the height of the lighthouse.

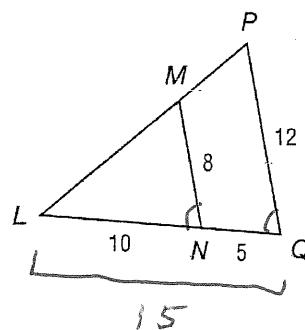
$$\frac{x}{63} = \frac{128}{8}$$

- b. What is the height of the lighthouse?

$$8x = 8064$$

$$x = 1008 \text{ in.} \quad \boxed{= 84 \text{ ft.}}$$

10)



$$\frac{8}{12} = \frac{16}{15} = \frac{2}{3} \checkmark$$

SAS $\triangle LNM \sim \triangle LQP$ 

$$\frac{16}{24} = \frac{6x+2}{7x+7}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{6x+2}{7x+7}$$

$$2(7x+7) = 3(6x+2) \\ 14x+14 = 18x+6$$

$$8 = 4x \\ 2 = x$$

14) EG, HG

$$\begin{aligned} EG &= 6 \\ HG &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x+1 &= 6 \\ x+3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{x+1}{x+3}$$

$$3(x+3) = 4(x+1) \\ 3x+9 = 4x+4$$

$$5 = x$$

