# **CHAPTER #**4–CONGRUENT TRIANGLES

In this chapter we address three **Big IDEAS**:

1) Classify triangles by sides and angles

2) Prove that triangles are congruent

3) Use coordinate geometry to investigate triangle relationships

Section:	4 – 1 Apply Triangle Sum Properties	
Essential Question	How can you find the measure of the third angle of a triangle if you know the measures of the other two angles?	

Warm Up:

Key Vocab:

Triangle	a polygon with three sides	B C C C C C
Scalene Triangle	a triangle with NO congruent sides	XXX
lsosceles Triangle	a triangle with <mark>AT LEAST two</mark> congruent sides	
Equilateral Triangle	a triangle with three congruent sides	

Acute Triangle	a triangle with three acute angles	
Right Triangle	a triangle with one right angle	
Obtuse Triangle	a triangle with <mark>one obtuse angle</mark>	
Equiangular Triangle	a triangle with three congruent angles	
Interior Angle	When the sides of a polygon are extended, the <i>interior angles</i> are the original angles.	Interior
Exterior Angle	When the sides of a polygon are extended, the <i>exterior angles</i> are the angles that form linear pairs with the interior angles.	Exterior angles
Corollary to a Theorem	A statement that can be proved easily using the theorem to which it is linked.	

#### Theorems:

Triangle Sum Theorem		
The sum of the measures of a triangle is $180^{\circ}$ $m \angle A + m \angle B + m \angle C = 180^{\circ}$	A C	
Corollary to the Triangle Sum Theorem		
The acute angles of a right triangle are complementary $m \angle A + m \angle B = 90^{\circ}$	A	

Exterior Angle Theorem	
The measure of an exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the measures of the remote interior angles. $m\angle 1 = m\angle A + m\angle B$	A C

# Show:

# **Ex 1:** Classify each triangle according to their sides and by their angles



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**Ex 4:** The support for the skateboard ramp shown forms a right triangle. The measure of one acute angle in the triangles is five times the measure of the other. Find the measure of each acute angle.

By the Corollary to the Triangle Sum Theorem:

x + 5x = 90 6x = 90  $x = 15^{\circ}$ x = 15  $5x = 75^{\circ}$ 



Section:	4 – 2 Apply Congruence and Triangles
Essential Question	What are congruent figures?



Key Vocab:

Congruent Figures	Two or more figures with exactly the same size and shape. All <i>corresponding parts</i> , sides and angle, are congruent.	
Corresponding Parts	A pair of sides or angles that have the same relative position in two or more congruent figures	

Theorems:

Third Angles Theorem		
If two angles of one triangle are congruent to	<b>Then</b> the third angles are also congruent.	
two angles of another triangle, $\angle A \cong \angle D$ and $\angle B \cong \angle E$ ,	$\angle C \cong \angle F.$	
A C D F	A C D F	

#### **Properties:**

Congruence of Triangles		
Triangle congruence is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.		
<b>Reflexive</b> $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABC$		
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 $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle JKL$	

Show:

**Ex 1:** Write a congruence statement for the triangles shown. Identify all pairs of congruent corresponding parts  $\Delta NMO \cong \Delta YXZ$ 



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



 $\overline{NO} \cong \overline{YZ}; \overline{NM} \cong \overline{YX}; \overline{MO} \cong \overline{XZ}$  $\angle MNO \cong \angle XYZ; \angle OMN \cong \angle ZXY;$  $\angle MON \cong \angle XZY$ 



**Ex 3:** Find  $m \angle YXW$ .



 $180 - 35 - 35 = 110^{\circ}$  $180 - 110 = 70^{\circ}$  $180 - 40 - 70 = 70^{\circ}$  $m \angle YXW = 70 + 35 = 105^{\circ}$ 

Section:	4 – 4 Prove Triangles Congruent by SSS
Essential Question	How can you use side lengths to prove triangles congruent?



### Postulate:

Side-side-side (SSS) Congruence Postulate		
If three sides of one triangle are congruent to three sides of a second triangle,	<b>then</b> the two triangles are <mark>congruent.</mark>	
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}, \text{ and } \overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$	
$AB \cong DE, BC \cong EF, \text{ and } AC \cong DF$ $AB \cong \Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$ $AB \cong \Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$		

Show:

**Ex1:** Decide whether the congruence statement is true. Explain your reasoning.





**Ex3:** Given: *D* is the midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$ Prove:  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBD$ 



Statements	Reasons
1. D is the midpoint of $\overline{AC}$ ; $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$	a. <mark>Given</mark>
2. $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{BD}$	2. Reflexive Property
3. $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{DC}$	3. Definition of a midpoint
$4.  \Delta ABD \cong \Delta CBD$	4. SSS <sup>≅</sup> Postulate

Section:	4 – 5 Prove Triangles Congruent by SAS and HL
Essential Question	How can you use two sides and an angle to prove triangles congruent?



Key Vocab:

Legs (of a Right Triangle)	In a right triangle, the sides adjacent to the right angle.	Hupotenuse
Hypotenuse	In a right triangle, the side <mark>opposite the right angle</mark> Always the longest side of a right triangle	

Side-Angle-Side (SAS) Congruence Postulate		
If	then	
two sides and the included angle of one triangle are congruent to two sides and the <i>included</i> angle of a second triangle,	the two triangles are <mark>congruent</mark> .	
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \angle A \cong \angle D$ , and $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$	
A + C D + F		

Hypotenuse-Leg (HL) Theorem		
If	then	
the hypotenuse and a leg of a right triangle are congruent to the hypotenuse and a leg of a second right triangle,	the two triangles are <mark>congruent</mark> .	
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$ , and $\Delta ABC$ and $\Delta DEF$	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$	
are right triangles		
B A C	E D F	

### Show:

**Ex 1:** State the third congruence that would allow you to prove  $\Delta RST \cong \Delta XYZ$  by the SAS Congruence Postulate.



**Ex 2:** If possible, name the postulate or theorem you could use to show the triangles are congruent. If not possible, state "not possible."



**Ex 3:** Given:  $\overline{YW} \perp \overline{XZ}; \overline{XY} \cong \overline{ZY}$ Prove:  $\Delta XYW \cong \Delta ZYW$ 



Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{YW} \perp \overline{XZ}; \overline{XY} \cong \overline{ZY}$	1. Given
2. $\angle XWY$ and $\angle ZWY$ are rt. $\angle s$	2. $\perp$ lines form 4 rt. $\angle$ 's
3. $\Delta XYW \cong \Delta ZYW$ are rt. $\Delta$ 's	3. Def. of rt. $\Delta$
4. $\overline{YW} \cong \overline{YW}$	4. Reflexive Prop.
5. $\Delta XYW \cong \Delta ZYW$	5. HL Thm.

**Ex 4:** Given:  $\overline{MP} \cong \overline{NP}; \overline{OP}$  bisects  $\angle MPN$ Prove:  $\triangle MOP \cong \triangle NOP$ 



Statements	Reasons	
1. $\overline{MP} \cong \overline{NP}; \overline{OP}$ bisects $\angle MPN$	1. Given	
2. $\angle MPO \cong \angle NPO$	2. Def. of $\angle$ bis.	
3. $\overline{OP} \cong \overline{OP}$	3. Reflexive Prop	
$4.  \Delta MOP \cong \Delta NOP$	4. SAS Post.	

Section:	4 – 6 Prove Triangles Congruent by ASA and AAS
Essential Question	If one side of a triangle is congruent to one side of another, what do you need to know about the angles to prove the triangles are congruent?

#### **Postulates:**

Angle-Side-Angle (ASA) Congruence Postulate		
If two angles and the <i>included</i> side of one	then	
triangle are congruent to two angles and the <i>included</i> side of a second triangle,	the two triangles are <mark>congruent.</mark>	
$\angle A \cong \angle D, \overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \text{ and } \angle B \cong \angle E$	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$	
A C	E D F	

#### Theorems:

Angle-Angle-Side (AAS) Congruence Theorem		
If	Then	
two angles and a <i>non-included</i> side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and a <i>non-included</i> side of a second triangle,	the two triangles are congruent.	
$\angle B \cong \angle E, \angle A \cong \angle D$ , and $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$	
B A C		

#### Show:

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



Section:	4 – 7 Use Congruent Triangles
Essential Question	How can you use congruent triangles to prove angles or sides congruent?



Key Vocab:

	"C orresponding	P <mark>arts</mark>	of	
CPCTC	C ongruent	T <mark>riangles</mark>	are	
	C ongruent			

Show:

**Ex 1:** Explain how you know that  $\angle A \cong \angle C$ 



 $\Delta ABD \cong \Delta CBD \text{ by SSS so}$  $\angle A \cong \angle C \text{ by CPCTC}$ 

**Ex 2:** Napoleon, on a river bank, wanted to know the width of the stream. A young soldier faced directly across the stream and adjusted the visor of his cap until the tip of the visor was in line with his eye and the opposite bank. Next he did an about-face and noted the spot on the ground now in line with his eye and visor-tip. He paced off the distance to this spot and made his report, and earned a promotion. Why did his method work?



Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{GK}$ bisects $\angle FGH$ and $\angle FKH$	1. Given
2. $\angle FGK \cong \angle HGK; \angle FKG \cong \angle HKG$	2. Def. of $\angle$ bis.
3. $\overline{GK} \cong \overline{GK}$	3. Reflexive Prop.
4. $\Delta FGK \cong \Delta HGK$	4. ASA Post.
5. $\overline{FK} \cong \overline{HK}$	5. CPCTC

Section:	4 – 8 Use Isosceles and Equilateral Triangles
Essential Question	How are the sides and angles of a triangle related if there are two or more congruent sides or angles?



# Key Vocab:

Components of an Isosceles Triangle				
Legs	The congruent sides	vertex		
Vertex Angle	The angle formed by the legs	legs		
Base	The third side (the side that is NOT a leg)			
Base Angle	The two angles that are adjacent to the base	base angles		

# Theorems:

Base Angles Theorem (Isosceles Triangle Theorem)			
If	then		
two sides of a triangle are congruent,	the angles opposite them are congruent.		
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$	$\angle B \cong \angle C$		
A B C	A B C		

Base Angles Theorem Converse (Isosceles Triangle Theorem Converse)		
If	then	
two angles of a triangle are congruent,	the sides opposite them are congruent.	
$\angle B \cong \angle C$	$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$	
A B C	A B C	

## Corollaries:

If	then
a triangle is <mark>equilateral,</mark>	it is <mark>equiangular.</mark>



Show:

**Ex 1:** In  $\triangle PQR$ ,  $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{PR}$ . Name two congruent angles.





**Ex 2:** Find the measure of  $\angle X$  and  $\angle Z$ .





**Ex 3:** Find the values of *x* and *y* in the diagram.

