

## Lesson 5.3: Proving Triangles Congruent SSS and SAS

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## Proving Triangles Congruent: SSS, SAS

### Workbook pages 295-298

#### Content Objective

Students will use SSS and SAS to prove triangles congruent.



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### Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics

**MA.912.GR.1.2** Prove triangle congruence or similarity using Side-Side-Side, Side-Angle-Side, Angle-Side-Angle, Angle-Angle-Side, Angle-Angle and Hypotenuse-Leg.

**MA.912.GR.1.3** Prove relationships and theorems about triangles. Solve mathematical and real-world problems involving postulates, relationships and theorems of triangles.

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



## Learn

### Proving Triangles Congruent: SSS

## Theorem

### Theorem 5.8 Side-Side-Side (SSS) Congruence Theorem

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

If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$ ,  $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$ , and  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ ,  
then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ .



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## Learn

### Proving Triangles Congruent: SAS

## Theorem

### Theorem 5.5 Side-Angle-Side (SAS) Congruence Theorem

If two sides and the included angle of one triangle are congruent to two sides and the included angle of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$ ,  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ , and  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ ,  
then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ .



*Proof* p. 246



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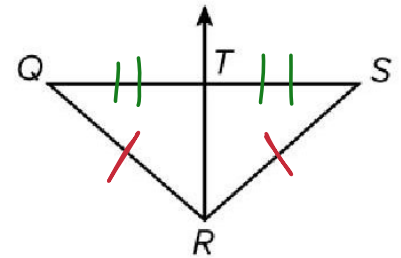
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## Example 1

Use SSS to Prove Triangles Congruent

Prove that  $\triangle QRT \cong \triangle SRT$ .



**Given:**  $\triangle QRS$  is isosceles with  $\overline{QR} \cong \overline{SR}$ .  $\overrightarrow{RT}$  bisects  $\overline{QS}$  at point  $T$ .

**Prove:**  $\triangle QRT \cong \triangle SRT$



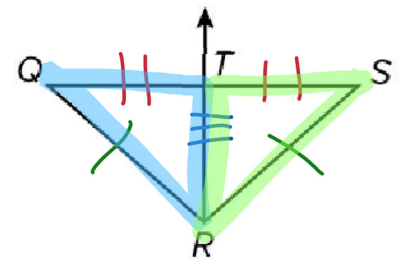
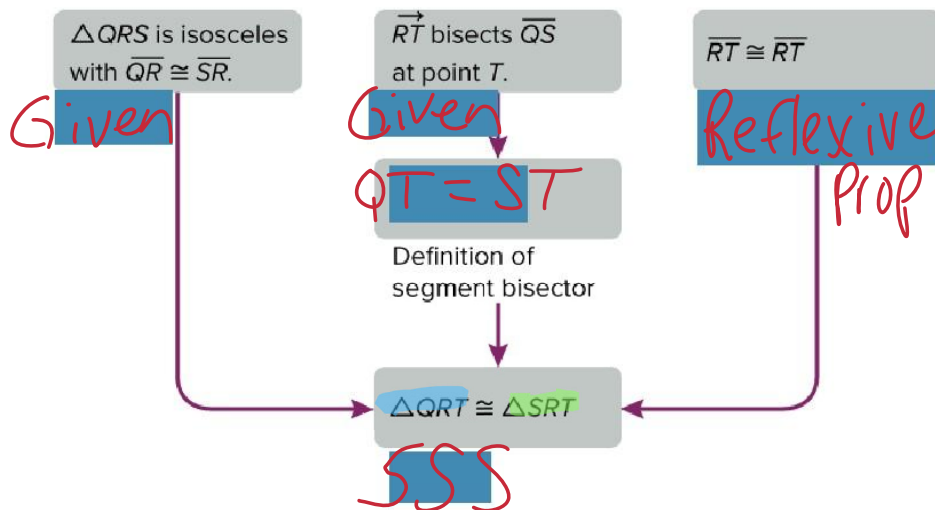
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### Example 1

Use SSS to Prove Triangles Congruent



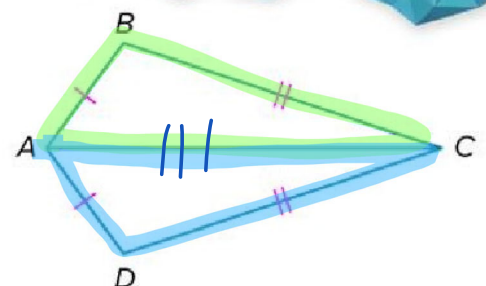
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### Example 1

Use SSS to Prove Triangles Congruent



Statements

Reasons

1.  $DA = BA$  and  $DC = BC$

1. Given (in the diagram)



$$\begin{array}{l} 2. AC = AC \\ 3. \triangle ABC = \triangle ADC \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2. \text{Reflexive Prop} \\ 3. SSS \end{array}$$



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## Example 2

Use SSS on the Coordinate Plane

Triangle  $JKL$  has vertices  $J(2, 5)$ ,  $K(1, 1)$ , and  $L(5, 2)$ .  
Triangle  $QNP$  has vertices  $Q(-4, 4)$ ,  $N(-3, 0)$ , and  $P(-7, 1)$ . Is  $\triangle JKL \cong \triangle QNP$ ?

Part A Graph the triangles.

Part B Use the distance formula to prove if the triangles are congruent or not.

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## Example 2

Use SSS on the Coordinate Plane

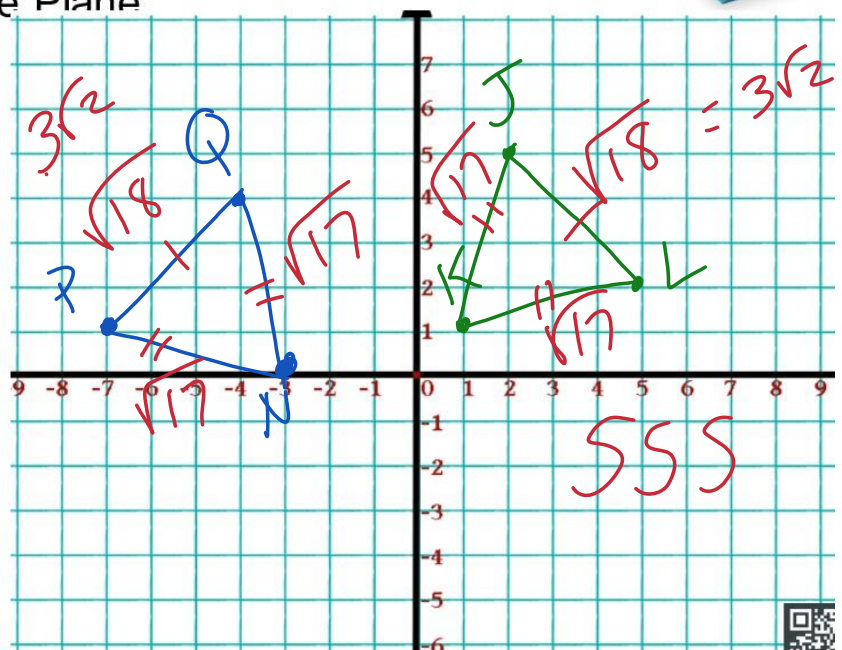
$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Part A Graph the triangles.

$J(2, 5)$ ,  $K(1, 1)$ , and  $L(5, 2)$ .

$$\triangle JKL = \triangle QNP$$

$Q(-4, 4)$ ,  $N(-3, 0)$ , and  $P(-7, 1)$



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Part B Use the distance formula to prove if the triangles are congruent or not.

$(2, 5)$   $(5, 2)$   
 $x_1, y_1$   $x_2, y_2$

*See at the end!!*

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{(5-2)^2 + (2-5)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{9 + 9}$$

$$\sqrt{18}$$



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### Example 3

Use SAS to Prove Triangles Congruent

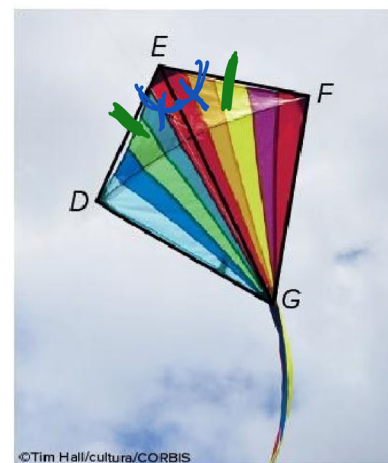
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**KITES** The kite shown appears to be made up of congruent triangles. If  $\overline{DE} \cong \overline{FE}$  and  $\overline{EG}$  bisects  $\angle DEF$ , prove that  $\triangle DEG \cong \triangle FEG$ .

Complete the two-column proof.

**Given:**  $\overline{DE} \cong \overline{FE}$ ,  $\overline{EG}$  bisects  $\angle DEF$ .

**Prove:**  $\triangle DEG \cong \triangle FEG$



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### Example 3

Use SAS to Prove Triangles Congruent

**Proof:**



Statements	Reasons
1. $DE = FE$	1. Given
2. $\overline{EG}$ bisects $\angle DEF$ .	2. Given
3. $\angle FEG = \angle EDG$	3. Definition of angle bisector
4. $EG = EG$	4. Reflexive
5. $\triangle DEG \cong \triangle FEG$	5. SAS



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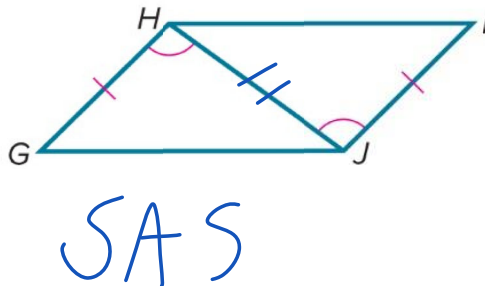
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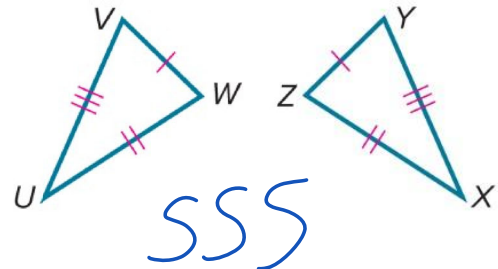
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Which congruence criterion would you use to prove the two triangles congruent?

1.



2.



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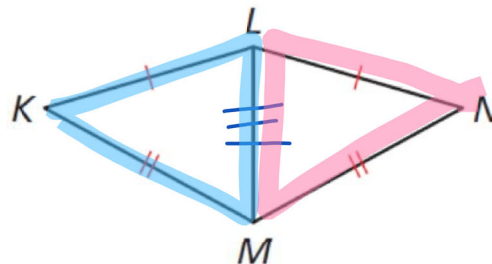
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Write a proof.

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

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



STATEMENTS

REASONS

- |                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| ①                           | Given     |
| ② $\angle Lm = \angle Lm$   | Reflexive |
| ③ $\angle KLM = \angle NLM$ | SSS       |



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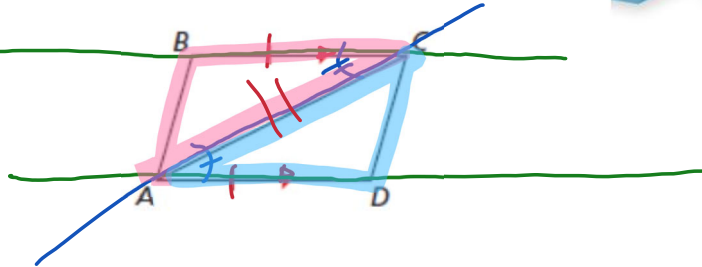
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**Write a proof.**

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

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



STATEMENTS

REASONS

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| ① $BC = DA$ $BC \parallel AD$     | Given                |
| ② $\angle CAD = \angle ACB$       | Alt. Interior Angles |
| ③ $CA = CA$                       | Reflexive            |
| ④ $\triangle ABC = \triangle CDA$ | SAS                  |



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### Part C Support your conjecture.

Use the Distance Formula to show that all corresponding sides have the same measure.

$$JL = \sqrt{(5-2)^2 + (2-5)^2} \quad QP = \sqrt{[-7-(-4)]^2 + (1-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9+9} \text{ or } 3\sqrt{2} \quad = \sqrt{9+9} \text{ or } 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$LK = \sqrt{(1-5)^2 + (1-2)^2} \quad PN = \sqrt{[-3-(-7)]^2 + (0-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16+1} \text{ or } \sqrt{17} \quad = \sqrt{16+1} \text{ or } \sqrt{17}$$

$$KJ = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (5-1)^2} \quad NQ = \sqrt{[-4-(-3)]^2 + (4-0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+16} \text{ or } \sqrt{17} \quad = \sqrt{1+16} \text{ or } \sqrt{17}$$

