Geometry Triangle Congruence: SSS and HL

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In similar triangles, we proved that angles are congruent and sides are proportional. Now we are dealing with congruent triangles. In congruent triangles, angles are congruent and sides are **congruent**.

The parts of congruent triangles that "match" are called *corresponding parts.*

Complete the congruence statement for the following.



<u>Example</u>: Given $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$

Make six congruence statements about the corresponding parts.

Mark the diagrams with hash marks and arcs to identify congruent parts.

| ∠A ≅ | ĀB≅ |
|------|------|
| ∠B ≅ | ĀC̃≅ |
| ∠C ≅ | BC≅ |



There are 4 special properties that allow you to add marks to your triangles:

- 1. <u>Reflexive Property</u>
 - a. This is when the two triangles share a side. We state that $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AB}$



- 2. Vertical Angles
 - **a.** Vertical angles can be marked congruent in the two triangles. In this case we state (and mark) that $< MNQ \cong < ONP$ M



- 3. <u>Alternate Interior Angles</u>
 - a. IF there are parallel lines, then you can mark alternate interior angles. In this case we state (and mark) that $\langle EAB \cong \langle BDC \rangle$ and also $\langle AEB \cong \langle BCD \rangle$



- 4. Base Angle Theorem
 - a. In isosceles triangles if two sides are marked congruent then their opposite angles are marked congruent AND if two angles are marked congruent then their opposite sides are marked congruent.
 - i. $< BCA \cong < BAC \text{ since } \overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$

ii. $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$ since $< BCA \cong < BAC$



IF IT IS NOT ONE OF THESE FOUR OPTIONS YOU CAN NOT ADD THE MARKS!!!

There are 5 methods to prove that triangles are congruent:

- 1. Side Side Side (SSS)
- 2. Hypotenuse Leg (HL)
- 3. Side Angle Side (SAS)
- 4. Angle Angle Side (AAS)
- 5. Angle Side Angle (ASA)

Side Side Side











<u>Hypotenuse Leg</u>



Hypotenuse Leg Checklist:

- ✓ Can you add any marks? (ONLY USE THE FOUR!)
- ✓ Are both triangles right triangles? (they must have marked right angles)
- ✓ Are the hypotenuse of both congruent? (draw the arrow to help find this)
- ✓ Is there one pair of congruent legs marked?



Side Angle Side



Side Angle Side Checklist:

- ✓ Can you add any marks? (Only use the four! Reflexive property, Vertical angles, Alternate Interior Angles, and Base Angle Theorem)
- ✓ Look for two congruent sides with an included angle on both
 - "congruent side then congruent angle then congruent side"

Examples: Write the statement if the triangles are congruent



A non-example: This would not be congruent by SAS! The angles are not included angles



Angle Side Angle



Angle Side Angle Checklist:

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- Can I add any marks? (ONLY OUR FOUR ALLOWED! Reflexive property, vertical angles, alternate interior angles, or base angle theorem).
- ✓ Look for two congruent angles with an included side
 - "congruent angle then congruent side then congruent angle"

Examples: Write the statement if the triangles are congruent.





Non-Example:

These are not congruent because they only have angles marked (no sides). ANGLE-ANGLE-ANGLE is not a congruency theorem!



Angle Angle Side



Angle-Angle-Side Checklist:

- ✓ Can I add any marks? (ONLY THE FOUR ALLOWED MARKS! Reflexive property, vertical angles, alternate interior angles, base angle theorem)
- Do I have two congruent angles and a non-included side that is congruent?
 "congruent angle then congruent angle then congruent side"

Examples: Write the statements if the triangles are congruent



A non-example:

This would not be an example because there are two congruent pairs of sides and one congruent pairs of angles with the wrong ordering. Here there is side then side then angle, or angle then side then side. There are no bad words in math!

