

GEOMETRY UNIT 5

Using Congruent Triangles

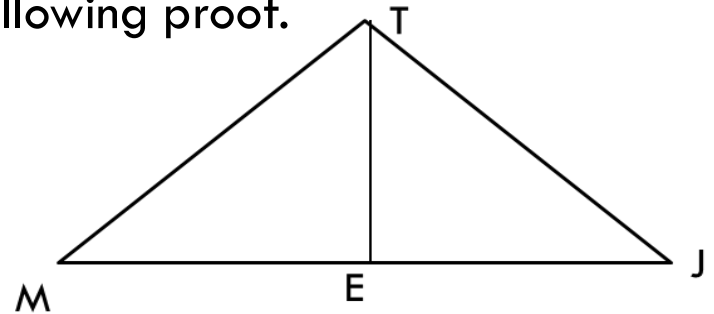
Using the Postulates

Supply the missing statements and reasons in the following proof.

Given: E is the midpoint of \overline{MJ}

$$\overline{TE} \perp \overline{MJ}$$

Prove: $\triangle MET \cong \triangle JET$



Statements

Reasons

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. E is the midpoint of \overline{MJ} | 1. Given |
| 2. $\overline{ME} \cong \overline{EJ}$ | 2. Def. of Midpoint |
| 3. $\overline{TE} \perp \overline{MJ}$ | 3. Given |
| 4. $\angle MET \cong \angle JET$ | 4. Def. of Perp. Lines |
| 5. $\overline{TE} \cong \overline{TE}$ | 5. Reflexive |
| 6. $\triangle MET \cong \triangle JET$ | 6. SAS Postulate |

Using Congruent Triangles

- **Content Objective:** Students will be able to use congruent triangles to prove that their corresponding parts are congruent.
- **Language Objective:** Students will be able to write up a plan for proving that corresponding parts of congruent triangles are congruent.

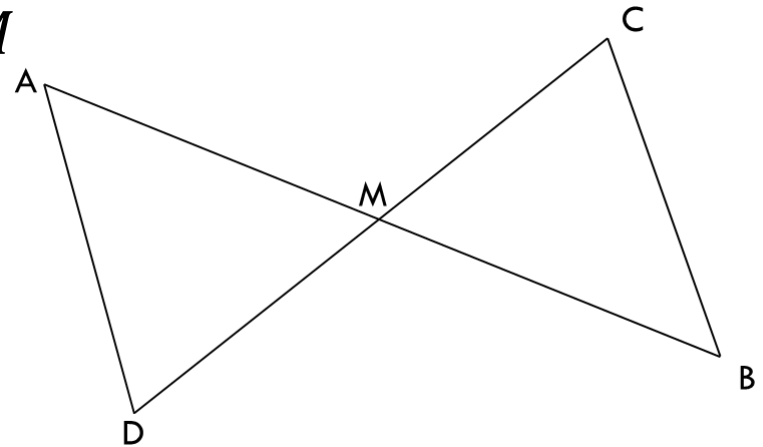
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- Our goal from the last section was to prove that two triangles are congruent.
- Our goal in this section is to deduce information about segments or angles once we have shown that they are corresponding parts of congruent triangles.

Example : Complete this Proof

Given: \overline{AB} and \overline{CD} bisect each other at M

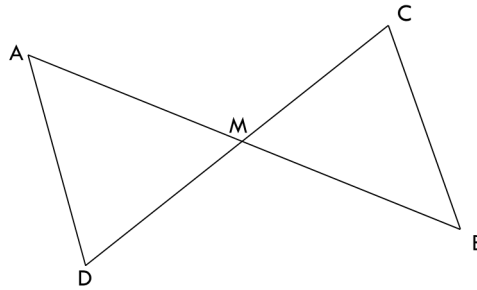
Prove: $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$



Plan for Proof:

- You can plan $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$ if you can show that Alt. Int. angles $\angle A$ and $\angle B$ are \cong .
- You will know that $\angle A$ and $\angle B$ are \cong if they are Corresponding Parts of congruent triangles.
- Thus, the Diagram suggests that you first prove $\triangle ADM \cong \triangle BCM$.

Example : Complete this Proof



Now, on to the proof:

Statements

1. \overline{AB} and \overline{CD} bisect each other at M
2. M is the midpoint of \overline{AB} and \overline{CD}
3. $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$; $\overline{DM} \cong \overline{MC}$
4. $\angle AMD \cong \angle BMC$
5. $\triangle AMD \cong \triangle BMC$
6. $\angle A \cong \angle B$
7. $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$

Reasons

1. Given
2. Def. of a Segment Bisector
3. Def. of Midpoint
4. Vertical \angle 's are \cong
5. SAS Postulate
6. CPCTC
7. If 2 lines ACBAT and Alt. Int. \angle 's are \cong , then the lines are \parallel .

Coming Up with a Plan

- When trying to prove if two segments or two angles are congruent, follow this strategy.

1.) Identify two triangles in which the two segments or angles are corresponding parts.

2.) Prove that those triangles are congruent.

3.) State the two congruent parts, using the reason

CPCTC

*Extra planning may be needed if you need to prove more things (i.e. lines are parallel, lines are perp., etc.)

Coming up with a Plan: Example A

- Describe the plan for proving the following

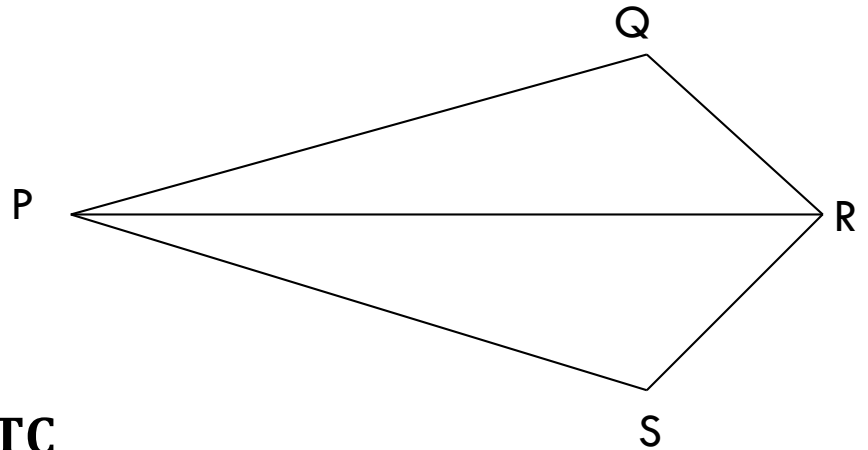
Given: \overleftrightarrow{PR} bisects $\angle QPS$; $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{PS}$

Prove: $\angle Q \cong \angle S$

1.) $\angle Q$ is in $\triangle PQR$; $\angle S$ is in $\triangle PSR$

2.) Prove that $\triangle PQR \cong \triangle PSR$

3.) State that $\angle Q \cong \angle S$ by **CPCTC**



Coming up with a Plan: Example B

- Describe the plan for proving the following

Given: $\overline{WX} \cong \overline{YZ}$; $\overline{ZW} \cong \overline{XY}$

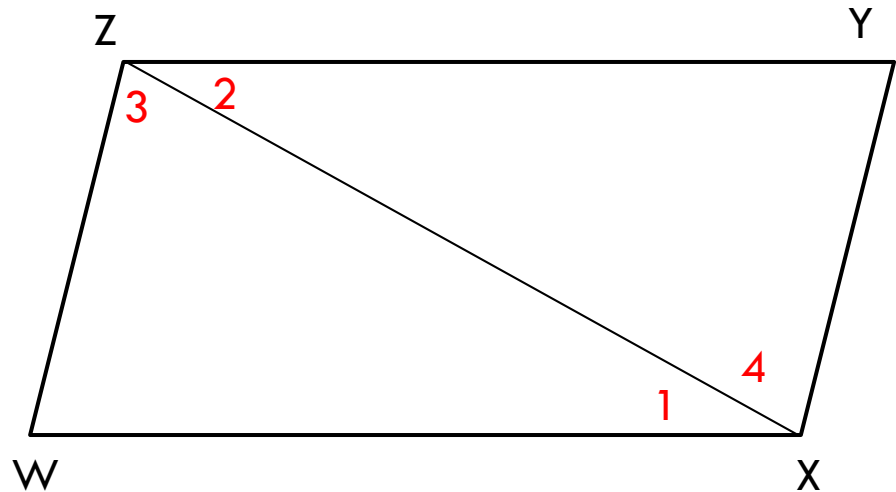
Prove: $\overline{WX} \parallel \overline{ZY}$

1.) \overline{WX} is in $\triangle XWZ$; \overline{YZ} is in $\triangle ZYX$

2.) Prove that $\triangle XWZ \cong \triangle ZYX$

3.) State that $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$ or $\angle 3 \cong \angle 4$ by CPCTC

4.) State that $\overline{WX} \parallel \overline{ZY}$ because we have Alt. Int. \angle 's \cong



Coming up with a Plan: Example C

- Describe the plan for proving the following

Given: $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$;

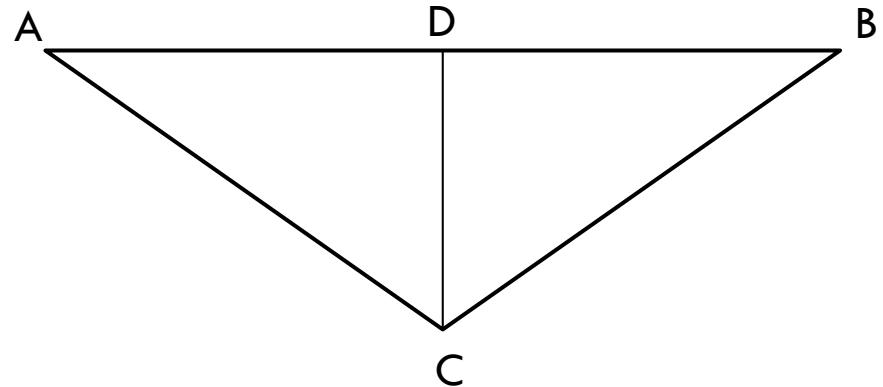
D is the midpoint of \overline{AB}

Prove: $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{CB}$

1.) \overline{CA} is in $\triangle CAD$; \overline{CB} is in $\triangle CBD$

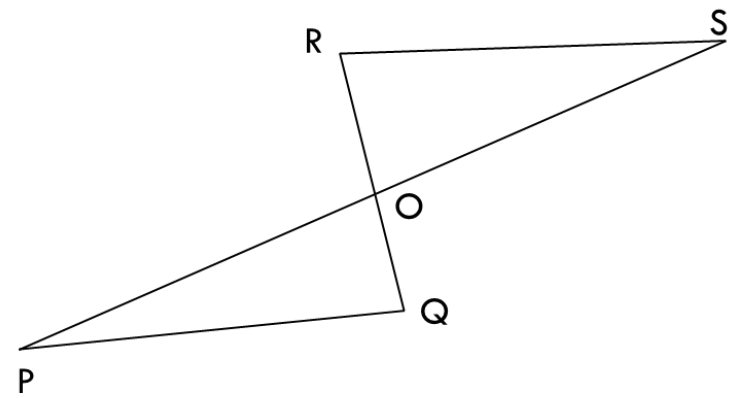
2.) Prove that $\triangle CAD \cong \triangle CBD$

3.) State that $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{CB}$ by **CPCTC**



Exit Ticket:

Complete the Proof



Given: $\angle P \cong \angle S$

O is the midpoint of \overline{PS}

Prove: O is the midpoint of \overline{RQ}

Statements

Reasons

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. $\angle P \cong \angle S$ | 1. Given |
| 2. O is the midpoint of \overline{PS} | 2. Given |
| 3. $\overline{PO} \cong \overline{OS}$ | 3. Def. of Midpoint |
| 4. $\angle POQ \cong \angle SQR$ | 4. Vertical \angle 's are \cong |
| 5. $\triangle POQ \cong \triangle SOR$ | 5. ASA Postulate |
| 6. $\overline{OQ} \cong \overline{OR}$ | 6. CPCTC |
| 7. O is the midpoint of \overline{RQ} | 7. Def. of Midpoint |