

Congruence, Similarity and the Triangle Sum Theorem (Part 1)

The triangle sum theorem is used to determine angle measures on a single triangle, but if you have proof that two triangles are congruent (entirely the same: \cong) or are similar (the same shape: \sim), then you can also use the triangle sum theorem to determine angle measures based on the relationships between the two triangles.

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Example: $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. $m\angle A = 47^\circ$, & $m\angle B = 46^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle F$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

Statements	Reasons
$\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ $m\angle A = 47^\circ$ & $m\angle B = 46^\circ$	Given
$m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle C = 180$	<u>\triangle Sum Thm</u>
$47 + 46 + m\angle C = 180$	Subst.
$93 + m\angle C = 180$	Simp.
$m\angle C = 87^\circ$	Subtr. Prop. =
$\angle C \cong \angle F$	Use CPCTC to show that, because the triangles were marked \cong before , each angle is \cong to the angle it matches (look at the order of the triangle names).
$m\angle C = m\angle F$	Use Definition of Congruence (\cong) to change the symbol from \cong to $=$.
$87^\circ = m\angle F$	Subst.

$\triangle ABC:$

Angle	Opp. Side
$m\angle B = 46^\circ$	\overline{AC}
$m\angle A = 47^\circ$	\overline{BC}
$m\angle C = 87^\circ$	\overline{AB}

$\triangle DEF:$

Angle	Opp. Side
$m\angle E = 46^\circ$	\overline{DF}
$m\angle D = 47^\circ$	\overline{EF}
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Example: $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DFE$. $m\angle D = 18^\circ$, & $m\angle E = 109^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle B$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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$m\angle D + m\angle E + m\angle F = 180$	<u>\triangle Sum Thm</u>
$18 + 109 + m\angle F = 180$	Subst.
$127 + m\angle F = 180$	Simp.
$m\angle F = 53^\circ$	Subtr. Prop. =
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1. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle EFD$. $m\angle B = 50^\circ$, & $m\angle C = 96^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle E$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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$\triangle ABC$:	
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$\triangle EFD$:	
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2. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DFE$. $m\angle A = 39^\circ$, & $m\angle B = 95^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle E$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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3. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EFD$. $m\angle E = 36^\circ$, & $m\angle D = 63^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle B$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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4. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle FDE$. $m\angle D = 99^\circ$, & $m\angle F = 51^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle C$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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$\triangle ABC$:

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5. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$. $m\angle A = 89^\circ$, & $m\angle C = 32^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle E$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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$\triangle ABC$:

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$\triangle DEF$:

6. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle FED$. $m\angle E = 31^\circ$, & $m\angle F = 41^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle C$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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7. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF$. $m\angle F = 52^\circ$, & $m\angle E = 85^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle B$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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8. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$. $m\angle A = 56^\circ$, & $m\angle B = 44^\circ$. Determine the $m\angle F$. Fill in the table as accurately as possible.

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