

# Similarity (*La similitude*)

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Two geometric objects are called *similar* if they have the same shape, even if they have different sizes or orientations.

1. Circle the pairs of similar objects:



2. One rectangle is  $2\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}$ . Another is  $4\text{cm} \times 6\text{cm}$ . Are they similar?

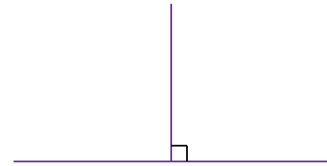
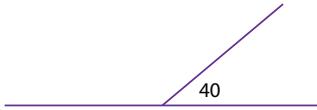
3. One triangle has sides of lengths  $3\text{cm}$ ,  $4\text{cm}$  and  $5\text{cm}$ . Another has sides of lengths  $9\text{cm}$ ,  $12\text{cm}$  and  $15\text{cm}$ . Are they similar?

4. Two rectangles are similar. One has sides of length  $2\text{cm}$  and  $3\text{cm}$ . The other has a side of length  $6\text{cm}$ . How long is the other side? Is the solution unique?

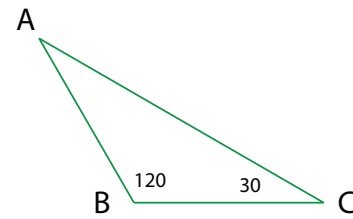
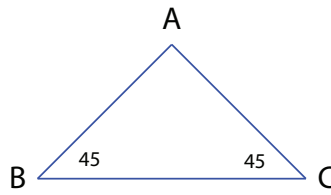
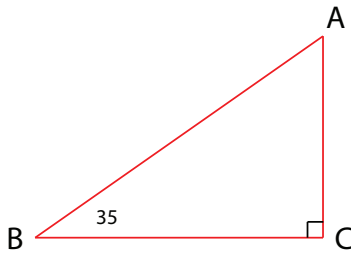
Two facts about angles:

- The degree measure of an angle that is a straight line is 180.
- The degree measures of the angles in a triangle add up to 180.

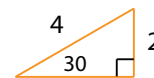
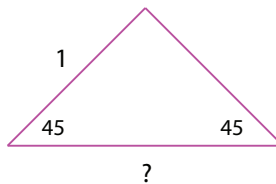
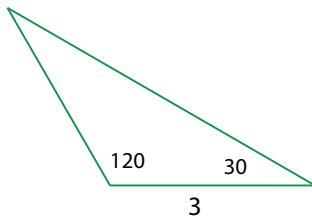
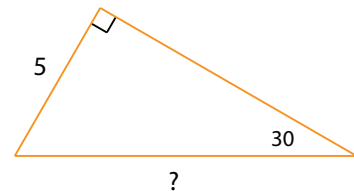
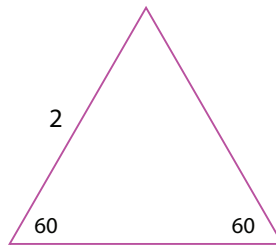
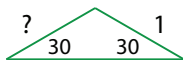
5. What is the degree measure of each unlabeled angle?



6. What is the degree measure of each angle labeled  $A$ ?



7. Circle the pairs of similar triangles and for each of those find the length of the side marked “?”.



8. Which other angle has the same measure as  $\angle ACX$ ?  
 Which other angle has the same measure as  $\angle BCX$ ?  
 Which three triangles in this diagram are similar?  
 (Make sure you list the vertices in the corresponding orders.) If  $AB = 25$ ,  $AC = 15$ , and  $BC = 20$ , what are  $AX$ ,  $BX$ , and  $CX$ ?

