

Explain whether the triangles are similar.



The diagram below shows a Howe roof truss, which is used to frame the roof of a building. Use it to answer problems 3–5.



- 3. Explain why  $\triangle LQN$  is similar to  $\triangle MPN$ .
- 4. What is the length of support MP?
- 5. Using the information in the diagram, can you determine whether  $\triangle LQJ$  is similar to  $\triangle KRJ$ ? Explain.
- 6. In the diagram at the right, sides SV and *RW* are parallel. Explain why  $\triangle RTW$  is similar to  $\triangle STV$ .



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## Practice and Problem Solving: A/B

- ΔABC has angle measures 42°, 50°, 88°, and ΔFGH has angle measures 42°, 50°, 88°. The triangles are similar because two angles in one triangle are congruent to two angles in the other triangle.
- ∆XYZ has angle measures 41°, 55°, 84°, and ∆PRQ has angle measures 38°, 55°, 87°. The triangles are not similar because the triangles have only one congruent pair of angles.
- 3. Both triangles contain both  $\angle N$  and a right angle, so  $\triangle LQN$  is similar to  $\triangle MPN$ .
- 4. 4 ft
- No; ∠J is in both ∆LQJ and ∆KRJ, but there is not enough information given to find any other congruent angles. ∠R looks like a right angle, but it is not given.
- ∠TSV and ∠TRW are congruent because they are corresponding angles, and both triangles contain ∠T. By AA similarity, ∆RTW is similar to ∆STV.

# Practice and Problem Solving: C

- ∆XYZ and ∆RQP are similar. The triangles are similar because two angles in one triangle are congruent to two angles in the other triangle. Both triangles have angles measures 32°, 84°, 64°.
- 2. No, similar triangles have congruent corresponding angles. However, corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional, not congruent.
- 3. 17.5 ft
- 4. 20 ft
- 5.  $\angle BCA$  and  $\angle GHF$  are congruent because they are corresponding angles, and both triangles contain right angles. By AA similarity,  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle FGH$ .
- 6. *H*(18, 16)

## Practice and Problem Solving: D

- 1. m∠C = 59°
- 2. m∠*P* = 41°

- 3. m∠Y = 85°
- 4. m∠*F* = 36°
- 5.  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle XYZ$  by AA similarity.



7. Both triangles contain the same angle at the far right, and a right angle, so the triangles are similar.

8. 
$$\frac{6}{9} = \frac{x}{33}$$
;  $x = 22$ 

- 9. m $\angle RST = 79^\circ$ , m $\angle VWT = 33^\circ$ ; congruent alternate interior angles were used to find the angle measures.
- 10.  $\triangle RST$  and  $\triangle WVT$  are similar by AA similarity since the triangles contain two congruent angles.

## Reteach

#### 1.

	Lamp	Sign
Height (ft)	x	8
Length of shadow (ft)	31.5	14

18 ft 2.

	Woman	Son
Height (ft)	5.5	x
Length of shadow (ft)	3 + 13.5 = 16.5	13.5

4.5 ft

# **Reading Strategies**

- 1. the length of Zachary's shadow
- 2. the height of the tree
- 3. the distance between the tree and Zachary

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