

**APRIL 12, 2019**

**UNIT 7: SIMILARITY AND  
TRANSFORMATIONS**

**7.3: SIMILAR POLYGONS**

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***MATH 9***



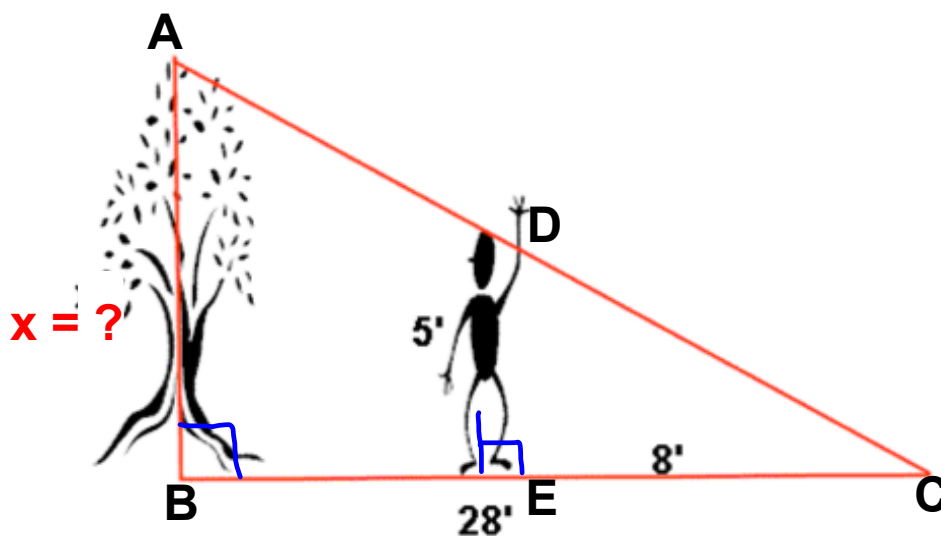
**WHAT'S THE POINT OF TODAY'S LESSON?**

**We will continue working on the Math 9 Specific Curriculum Outcome (SCO) "Shape and Space 3" OR "SS3" which states:**

**"Demonstrate an understanding of similarity of polygons."**

**WARM UP  
QUIZ:**

- a) Prove that these 2 triangles are similar.
- b) Find the height of the tree to the nearest tenth of a metre.



At a certain time of the day, the shadow of a 5' boy is 8' long. The shadow of a tree at this same time is 28' long. How tall is the tree?

## SIMILAR POLYGONS

### TO IDENTIFY SIMILAR POLYGONS:

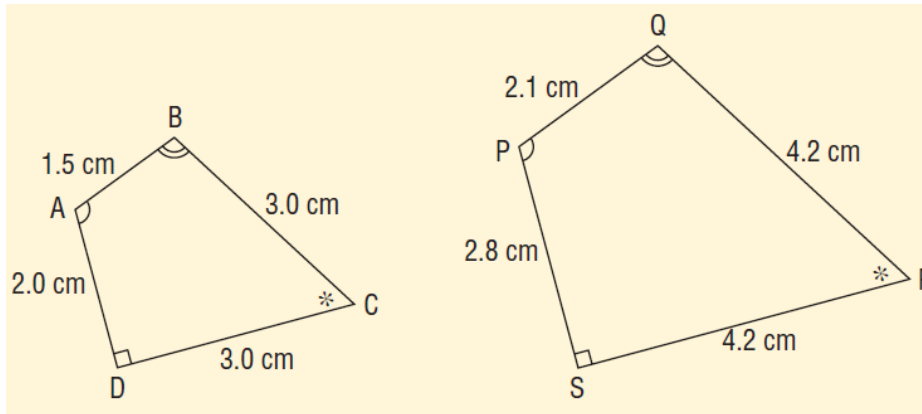
\* the measures of corresponding angles must be EQUAL

**\*\* AND \*\***

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\* the ratios of the lengths of the corresponding sides must be EQUAL; in other words, corresponding sides are proportional

**EXAMPLE:** PROVE that quadrilateral ABCD is SIMILAR TO quadrilateral PQRS.

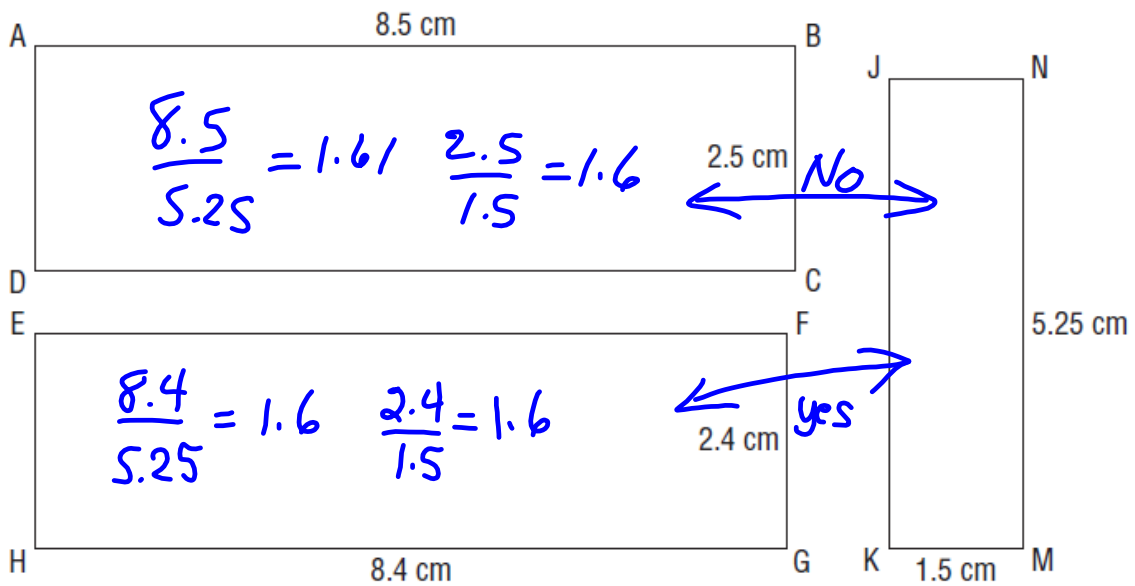


$\angle A = \angle P$ (Given)		$\frac{PQ}{AB} = \frac{QR}{BC} = \frac{RS}{CD} = \frac{PS}{AD}$
$\angle B = \angle Q$ (Given)		$\frac{2.1}{1.5} = \frac{4.2}{3.0} = \frac{4.2}{3.0} = \frac{2.8}{2.0}$
$\angle C = \angle R$ (Given)	<b>AND</b>	$1.4 = 1.4 = 1.4 = 1.4$
$\angle D = \angle S$ (Given)		

$\therefore$  quadrilateral ABCD  $\sim$  quadrilateral PQRS

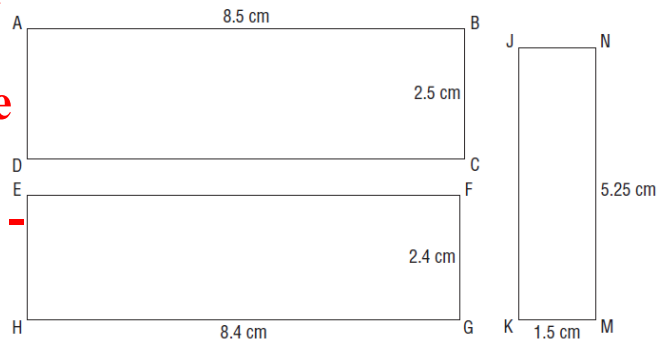
**EXAMPLE:**

Identify pairs of similar rectangles. Justify the answer.



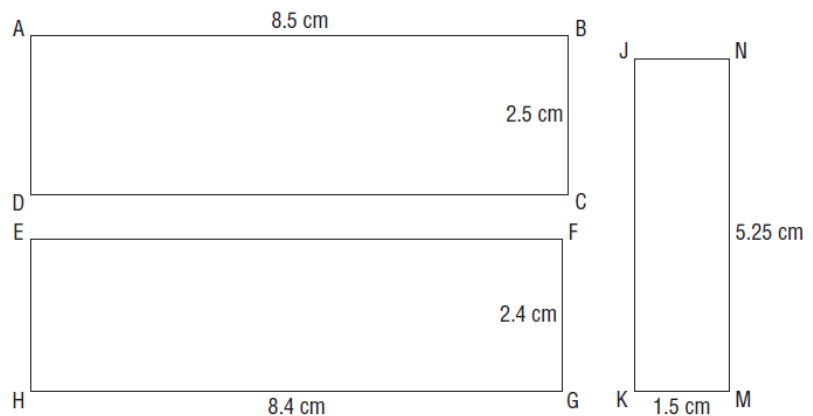
We are told that these shapes are rectangles. All angles in a rectangle measure  $90^\circ$ ; therefore, we do not have to "prove" anything about the angles - it is "given" that these shapes are rectangles.

Identify pairs of similar rectangles. Justify the answer.



We also know that rectangles have two pairs of congruent sides; therefore, the only thing we need to "prove" are the ratios of two pairs of corresponding sides are equal.

Identify pairs of similar rectangles. Justify the answer.



$$\frac{GH}{MN} = \frac{FG}{KM}$$

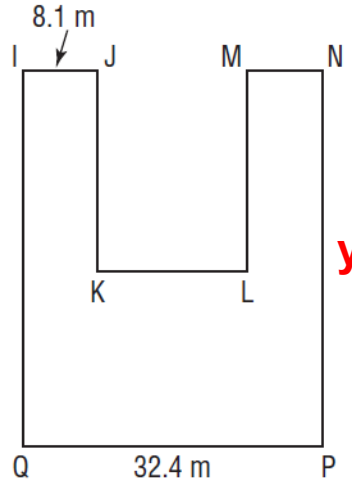
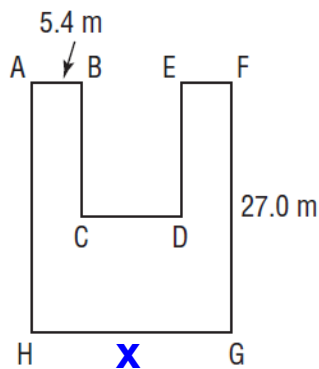
$$\frac{8.4}{5.25} = \frac{2.4}{1.5}$$

$$1.6 = 1.6$$

$\therefore$  rectangle EFGH  $\sim$  rectangle JKMN

**EXAMPLE 2:**

These 2 octagonal garden plots are **SIMILAR**. Calculate the length of **GH** and **NP**.



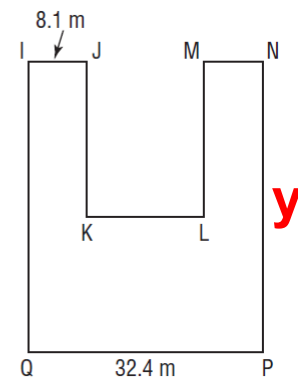
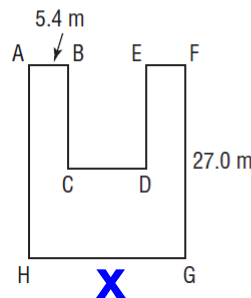
$$\frac{X}{32.4} = \frac{5.4}{8.1}$$

$$\frac{y}{27.0} = \frac{8.1}{5.4}$$

$$X = \frac{5.4(32.4)}{8.1} = 21.6 \text{ m}$$

$$y = \frac{27.0(8.1)}{5.4} = 40.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{GH}{PQ} &= \frac{AB}{IJ} \\ \frac{x}{32.4} &= \frac{5.4}{8.1} \\ 8.1x &= 174.96 \\ x &= 21.6 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{NP}{FG} &= \frac{IJ}{AB} \\ \frac{y}{27.0} &= \frac{8.1}{5.4} \\ 5.4y &= 218.7 \\ y &= 40.5 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

# Worksheet on similar triangles

-completed in class

## CONCEPT REINFORCEMENT:

**MMS9:**

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