

Warm-Up: Find the image given the pre-image and scale factor for the following figures.

1)  $A(3, 1)$ ,  $B(-2, -4)$ ,  $C(0, 5)$  with a scale factor of 3  
 $A'(9, 3)$   $B'(-6, -12)$   $C'(0, 15)$

2)  $D(9, -6)$ ,  $E(-3, 12)$ ,  $F(15, -9)$ ,  $G(0, 0)$   
with a scale factor of  $\frac{2}{3}$

$D'(6, -4)$   $E'(-2, 8)$   $F'(10, -6)$   $G'(0, 0)$



## Similar Polygons

### Objectives

- Develop an intuitive concept of similarity
- Define similar polygons
- Use the definition of similar polygons to solve problems



## Similar Polygons

### Vocabulary

similar

proportion

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Lesson 7.1: Similar Polygons



## Similar Polygons

You know that figures that have the same shape and size are congruent figures. Figures that have the same shape but not necessarily the same size are **similar** figures. To say that two figures have the same shape but not necessarily the same size is not, however, a precise definition of similarity.

Is your reflection in a fun-house mirror similar to a regular photograph of you? The images have a lot of features in common, but they are not mathematically similar. In mathematics, you can think of similar shapes as dilations (enlargements or reductions) of each other with no irregular distortions.

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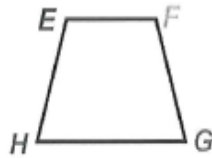
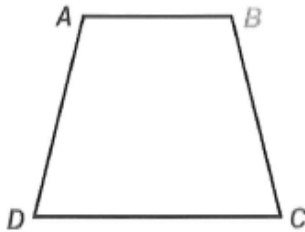
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Two figures are *SIMILAR* if they have the same shape. Two polygons are *SIMILAR POLYGONS* if corresponding angles are congruent and corresponding side lengths are proportional.

Similarity Statement

equal ratios

1.  $ABCD \sim EFGH$ . Write the corresponding angles and the ratios of corresponding sides.



Corresponding Angles

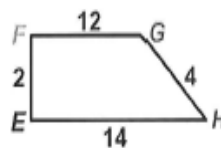
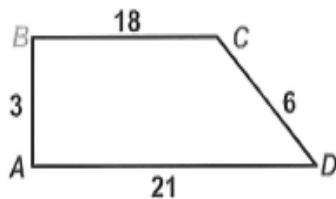
$\angle A \cong \angle E$      $\angle C \cong \angle G$

$\angle B \cong \angle F$      $\angle D \cong \angle H$

Ratios of Corresponding Sides

$\frac{AB}{EF} = \frac{BC}{FG} = \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{DA}{HE}$

2.  $ABCD \sim EFGH$ . Write the corresponding angles and the ratios of corresponding sides. Then check that the ratios of the corresponding sides are equal.



$\sim$  - similar

Big or small  
small Big

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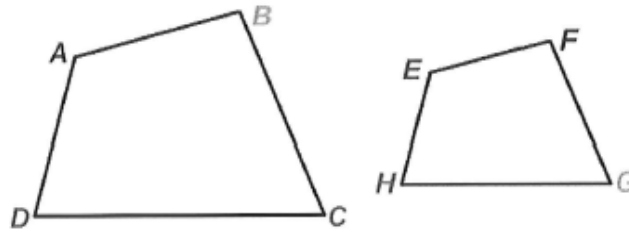
$\frac{CD}{GH}$      $\frac{DA}{HE}$

Checking Ratios of Corresponding Sides are Equal

$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$      $\frac{18}{12} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

$\frac{6}{4} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$      $\frac{21}{14} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

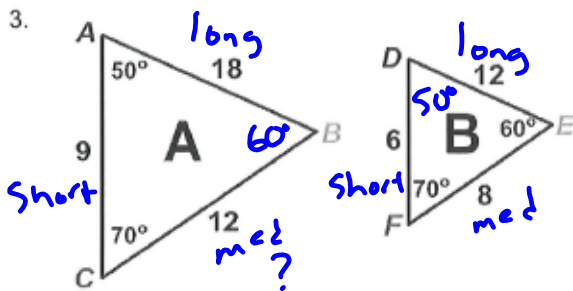
**SCALE FACTOR:** the ratio of the lengths of two corresponding sides of two similar polygons.



Scale Factor of EFGH to ABCD =  $\frac{EF}{AB} = \frac{FG}{BC} = \frac{GH}{CD} = \frac{HE}{DA}$

$$\frac{EFGH}{ABCD}$$

Determine whether the polygons are similar. If they are similar, write a similarity statement and find the scale factor of figure A to figure B.



$ABC \sim DEF$

$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

Scale factor:  $\frac{3}{2}$

$\frac{\text{figure A}}{\text{figure B}}$

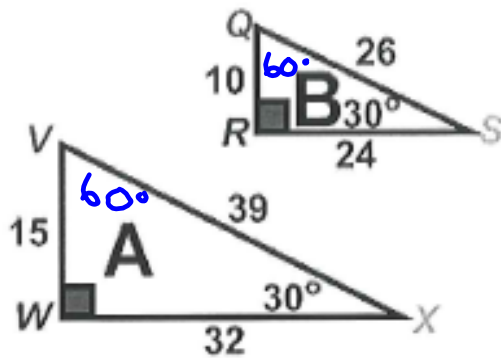
corr.  $\angle s \cong \checkmark$

$$\frac{18}{12} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{12}{8} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{6}{9} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

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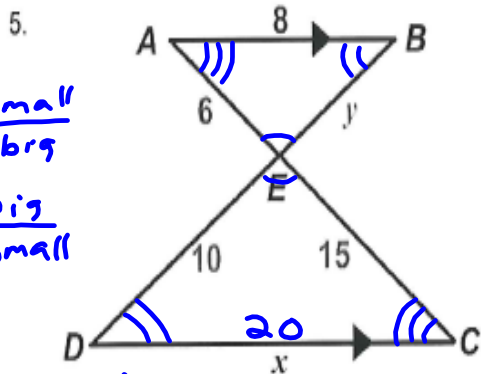
NOT similar.  
Corr. sides are not proportional.

$$\frac{15}{10} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{39}{26} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{32}{24} = \frac{4}{3}$$

In the diagrams, the two polygons are similar. Write a similarity statement and find the value of  $x$  and  $y$ .



Small  
big  
big  
small

$\triangle ABE \sim \triangle CDE$

$$\frac{8}{x} = \frac{6}{15}$$

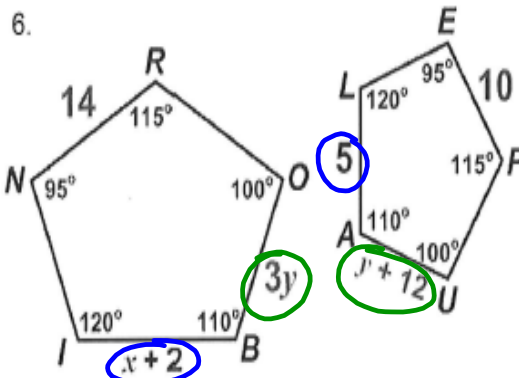
$$6x = 120$$

$$x = 20$$

$$\frac{y}{10} = \frac{6}{15}$$

$$15y = 60$$

$$y = 4$$



$ROBIN \sim PUALE$

$$\frac{x+2}{5} = \frac{14}{10}$$

$$10x+20 = 70$$

$$10x = 50$$

$$x = 5$$

$$\frac{3y}{y+12} = \frac{14}{10}$$

$$30y = 14y + 168$$

$$16y = 168$$

$$y = 10.5$$



## Similar Polygons

### Summarize

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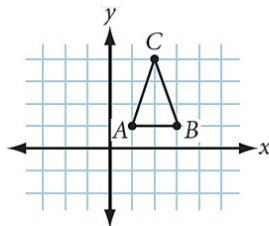
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- What does similarity have to do with dilations?  
*Similar figures are dilations of each other or of isometric images of each other.*
- Can two figures be similar but not be only a dilation of the other? Explain.  
*Yes, it could be a reflection, rotation, or translation followed by a dilation of the other figure.*
- If two polygons are congruent, must they be similar? Explain.  
*Yes; each can be obtained from the other through dilation by a scale factor of 1 and a rigid transformation.*

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## Extra Example



Copy  $\triangle ABC$ . Draw its dilation by a scale factor of 2.

What is the center of the dilation?

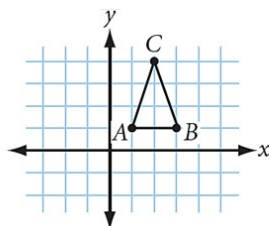
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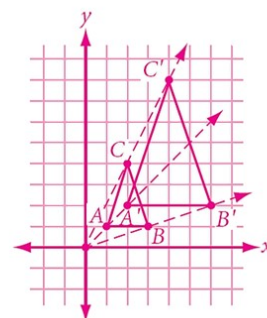
ANSWER



Copy  $\triangle ABC$ . Draw its dilation by a scale factor of 2.

What is the center of the dilation?  $(0, 0)$

What is the ratio of the sides of the triangle and its image?  $1:2$





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### Closing Question

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$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}x - 6, \frac{1}{3}y - 3\right);$$

To move the center from (6, 3) to (0,0), translate 6 units left and 3 units down.

To change the radius from 3 to 1, use the scale factor  $\frac{1}{3}$ .



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