

# 4.6 Prove Triangles Congruent by ASA and AAS



**G.CO.10** Prove theorems about triangles.

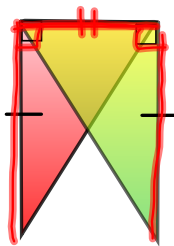
**Before** You used the SSS, SAS, and HL congruence methods.

**Now** You will use two more methods to prove congruences.

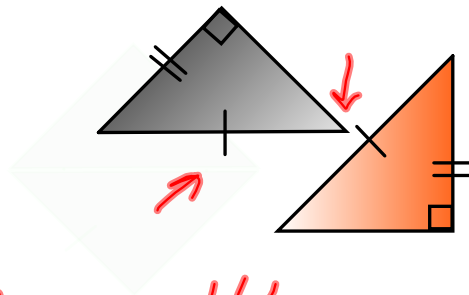
**Why?** So you can recognize congruent triangles in bikes, as in Exs. 23-24.

## Recall:

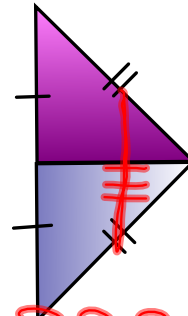
State the Congruence Postulate/Theorem that proves that the triangles are congruent.



**LL/SAS**



**HL**



**SSS**

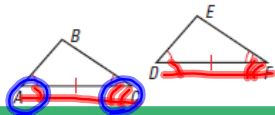
### THEOREMS

*For Your Notebook*

#### POSTULATE 21 Angle-Side-Angle (ASA) Congruence Postulate

If two angles and the included side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

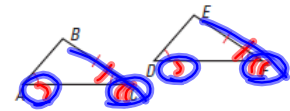
If Angle  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ ,  
Side  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ , and  
Angle  $\angle C \cong \angle F$ ,  
then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ .



#### THEOREM 4.6 Angle-Angle-Side (AAS) Congruence Theorem

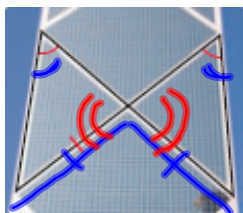
If two angles and a non-included side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the corresponding non-included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

If Angle  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ ,  
Angle  $\angle C \cong \angle F$ , and  
Side  $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$ ,  
then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ .



## Identify Congruent Triangles

Can the triangles be proven congruent with the information given in the diagram? If so, state the postulate or theorem you would use.

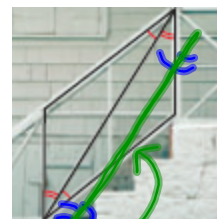


**AAS**



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**NOT!**

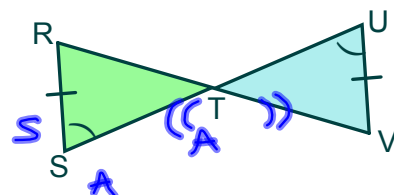


**ASA**

What postulate or theorem can you use to prove that

$\triangle RST \cong \triangle VUT$ ?

**AAS**

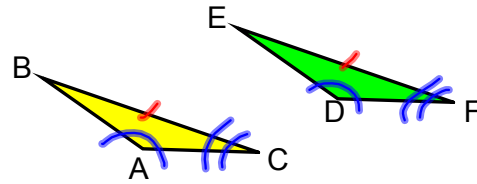


## Prove the AAS Congruence Theorem

Given:  $\angle A \cong \angle D, \angle C \cong \angle F,$

$$\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$$

Prove:  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$



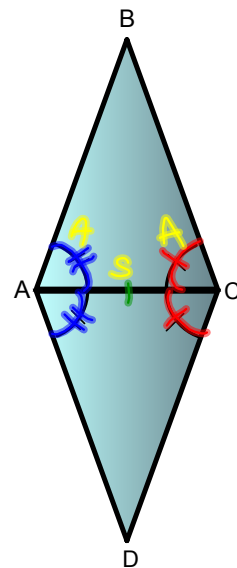
Statement	Reason
$\angle A \cong \angle D, \angle C \cong \angle F,$	Given
$\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$	Given
<u><math>\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF</math></u>	<b>AAS</b>

Given:  $\angle ACB \cong \angle ACD$

**Prove:  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC$**

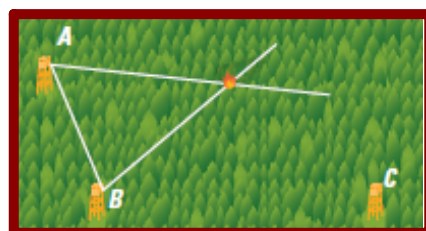
$$\angle CAB \cong \angle CAD$$

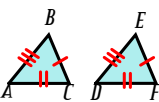
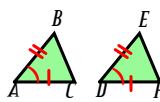
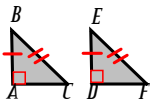
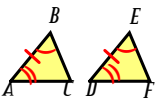
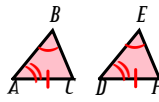
Statement	Reason
$\angle ACB \cong \angle ACD$	Given
$\angle CAB \cong \angle CAD$	Given
$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AC}$	Reflexive
<u><math>\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC</math></u>	<b>ASA</b>



**FIRE TOWERS** The forestry service uses fire tower lookouts to watch for forest fires. When the lookouts spot a fire, they measure the angle of their view and radio a dispatcher. The dispatcher then uses the angles to locate the fire.

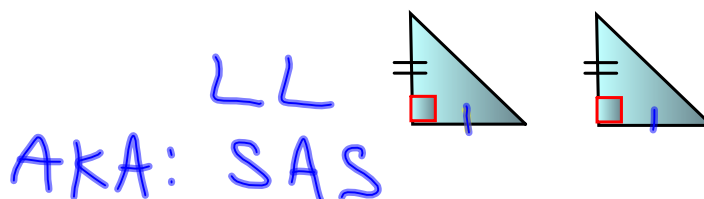
How many lookouts are needed to locate a fire?



Triangle Congruence Postulates and Theorems				
5 METHODS				
SSS	SAS	HL (right $\triangle$ only)	ASA	AAS
 <p>All three sides are congruent.</p>	 <p>Two sides and the included angle are congruent.</p>	 <p>The hypotenuse and one of the legs are congruent.</p>	 <p>Two angles and the included side are congruent.</p>	 <p>Two angles and a (non-included) side are congruent.</p>

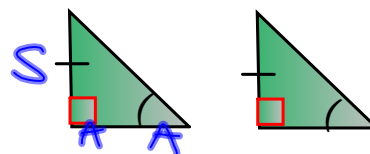
**RIGHT TRIANGLES** In the lesson *Prove Triangles Congruent* by **SAS** and **HL**, you learned the **Hypotenuse-Leg Theorem** for right triangles. Write a paragraph proof for the following theorems about right triangles.

**Leg-Leg (LL) Theorem:** If the legs of two right triangles are congruent, then the triangles are congruent.



**Angle-Leg (AL) Theorem:** If an angle and a leg of a right triangle are congruent to an angle and a leg of a second right triangle, then the triangles are congruent.

AKA: LA  
AAS



**Hypotenuse-Angle (HA) Theorem:** If an angle and the hypotenuse of a right triangle are congruent to an angle and the hypotenuse of a second right triangle, then the triangles are congruent.

AH  
AAS

