

# 4-5 Study Guide and Intervention

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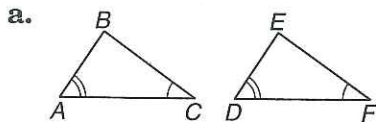
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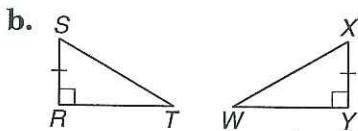
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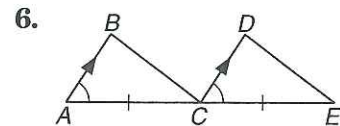
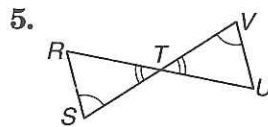
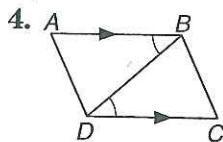
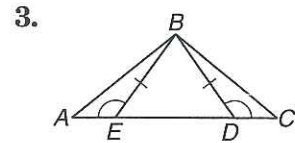
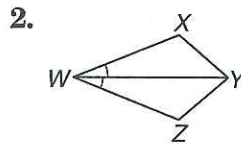
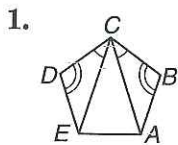
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**Exercises**

What corresponding parts must be congruent in order to prove that the triangles are congruent by the ASA Postulate? Write the triangle congruence statement.



# 4-5 Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)*

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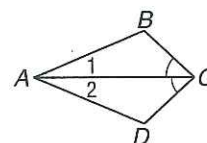
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You now have five ways to show that two triangles are congruent.

- definition of triangle congruence
- SSS Postulate
- SAS Postulate
- ASA Postulate
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**Example**

In the diagram,  $\angle BCA \cong \angle DCA$ . Which sides are congruent? Which additional pair of corresponding parts needs to be congruent for the triangles to be congruent by the AAS Postulate?



$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AC}$  by the Reflexive Property of congruence. The congruent angles cannot be  $\angle 1$  and  $\angle 2$ , because  $\overline{AC}$  would be the included side. If  $\angle B \cong \angle D$ , then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC$  by the AAS Theorem.

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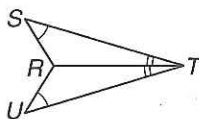
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2.  $BC \cong EF$ ;  $\angle A \cong \angle D$

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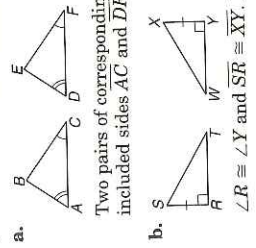


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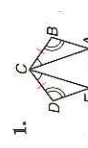
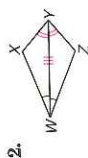
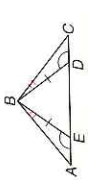




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 $WY \cong WY$ ;  
 $\angle XYW \cong \angle ZYW$ ;  
 $\angle WXY \cong \angle WZY$
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 $BE \cong BD$ ;  
 $\angle ABE \cong \angle CBD$ ;  
 $\angle AEB \cong \angle CDB$
-   
 $ST \cong VT$ ;  
 $\angle RST \cong \angle VUT$
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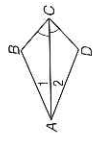
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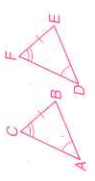


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