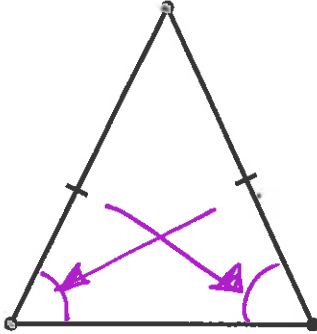


## Equilateral & Isosceles Triangles

**Isosceles Triangle** – A triangle with 2 congruent sides.

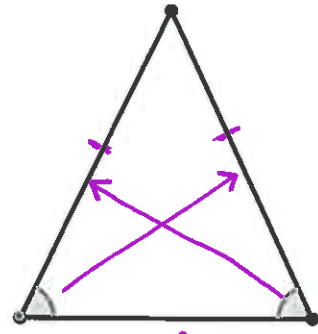
### Isosceles Triangle Theorems:

**Theorem 1:** In a triangle, if 2 sides are congruent, then the angles opposite those sides are congruent.



In a  $\Delta$ , if 2 sides  $\cong$ , the  $\angle$ s opp sides  $\cong$ .

**Theorem 2:** In a triangle, if 2 angles are congruent, then the sides opposite those angles are congruent.

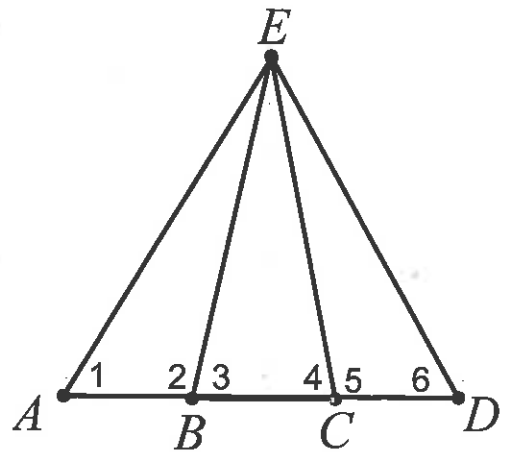


In a  $\Delta$ , if 2  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ , the sides opp  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ .

### How the theorems Work:

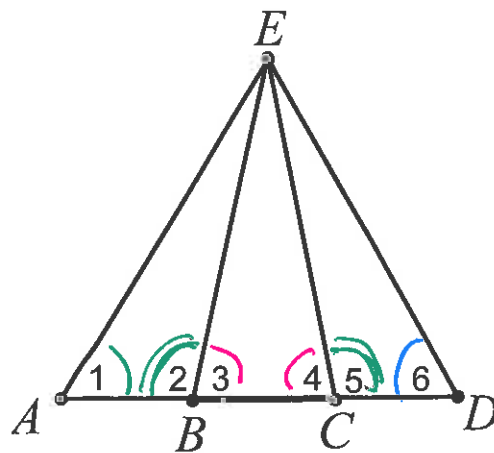
For each pair of **given congruent sides**, draw and label the **isosceles triangle** that contains those sides. Use **Theorem 1** to state the angles that must be congruent.

Congruent Sides	Triangle	Congruent Angles
$\overline{EB} \cong \overline{EC}$	$\triangle EBC$	$\angle 3 \cong \angle 4$
$\overline{EA} \cong \overline{ED}$	$\triangle EAD$	$\angle 1 \cong \angle 6$
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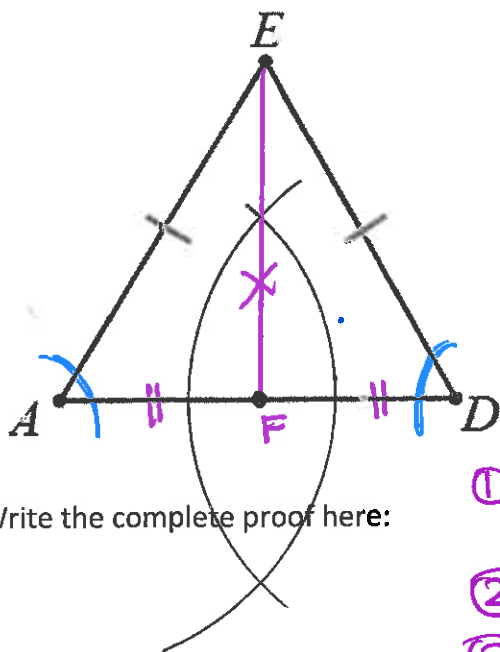
For each pair of **given congruent Angles**, draw and label the Isosceles Triangle that contains those sides (if possible). Use **Theorem 2** to state the sides that must be congruent.

Congruent Angles	Triangle	Congruent Sides
$\angle 3 \cong \angle 4$	$\triangle EBC$	$\overline{EB} \cong \overline{EC}$
$\angle 1 \cong \angle 6$	$\triangle EAD$	$\overline{EA} \cong \overline{ED}$
$\angle 2 \cong \angle 5$	$\triangle EBC$	* NEED SUPP LS: $\angle 2$ SUPP $\angle 3$ $\angle 5$ SUPP $\angle 4$ $\overline{EB} \cong \overline{EC}$



### Why are the theorems true?

4. We can prove the theorems are true by making use of our triangle congruency postulates.



For example, for **Theorem 1** we have:

Given: Isosceles Triangle AED ( $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{DE}$ )

Prove: The angles opposite are congruent ( $\angle A \cong \angle D$ )

1. Use a compass and straight edge to construct the midpoint of side  $\overline{AD}$ .
2. Use the two triangles to justify that  $\angle A \cong \angle D$ .

(Theorem 2 can be proven true in a similar way.)

Write the complete proof here:

- ①  $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{DE}$   
F is midpt  $\overline{AD}$
- ②  $\overline{AF} \cong \overline{FD}$
- ③  $\overline{EF} \cong \overline{EF}$
- ④  $\triangle AEF \cong \triangle DEF$
- ⑤  $\angle A \cong \angle D$

① Given

② midpt  $\div$  seg into 2  $\cong$  seg

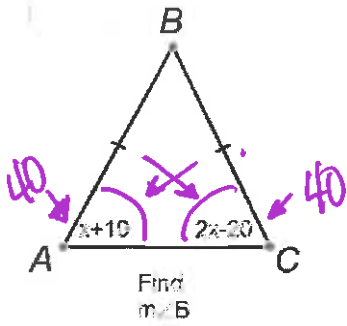
③ reflexive

④ SSS

⑤ corr parts  $\cong$   $\triangle \cong$

Examples Using the Theorems:

1.

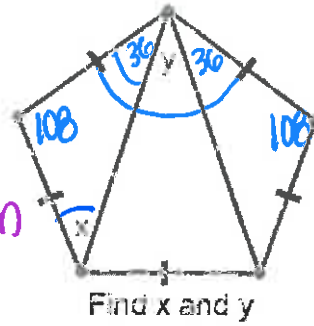


$$\frac{40}{80} = \frac{180}{100} = m\angle B$$

\* Pictures Not drawn to scale!!

$$\begin{aligned} x+10 &= 2x-20 & \angle B &= 100 \\ -x & \quad -x & & \\ \hline 10 &= x-20 & & \\ +20 & \quad +20 & & \\ \hline 30 &= x & & \end{aligned}$$

2.



$$\begin{aligned} (5-2)(180) &= 540 \\ \frac{540}{5} &= 108 \end{aligned}$$

Find x and y

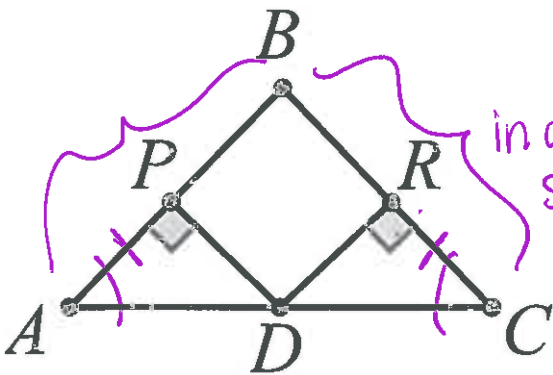
Hint: How big is each angle of the regular pentagon?

$$\begin{aligned} 2x+108 &= 180 & 108 &= 2(36)+y \\ 2x &= 72 & 108 &= 72+y \\ x &= 36^\circ & 36^\circ &= y \end{aligned}$$

3. Complete the proof:

Given:  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CB}$   
 $\overline{AP} \cong \overline{CR}$   
 $\angle CRD$  &  $\angle APD$  are right  $\angle$ 's  $\angle$

Prove:  $\triangle APD \cong \triangle CRD$

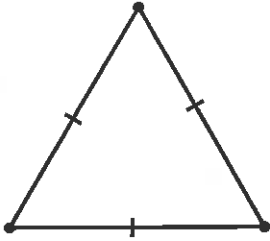


in a  $\triangle$  if 2  $\angle$ 's  $\cong$   
 sides opp  $\angle$ 's  
 are  $\cong$

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CB}$	$\overline{AP} \cong \overline{CR}$	$\angle CRD \cong \angle APD$ r.t.s
Given	Given	Given
$\angle A \cong \angle C$		$\angle CRD \cong \angle APD$
		all r.t.s
	$\triangle APD \cong \triangle CRD$	
	ASA	

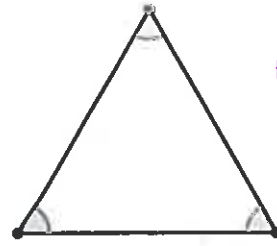
Sides

**Equilateral Triangle:** A triangle with 3 congruent Sides.



angles

**Equiangular Triangle:** A triangle with 3 congruent angles.

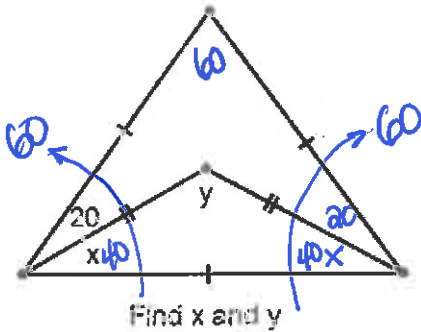


all  $\angle$ s are  $60^\circ$

a. What is the measure of each angle of an equilateral triangle? Explain.

$60^\circ$  an equilateral  $\Delta$  has 3 equal sides, making 3 = angles. A  $\Delta$  has  $180^\circ$   
so  $180 \div 3 = 60^\circ$

b. Find the values of x and y.



$$x + 20 = 60$$
$$x = 40$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ + 40 \\ \hline 80 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 180 \\ - 80 \\ \hline 100 = y \end{array}$$