

Objective: Explore Triangle Congruence

Remember: Rigid Motions and Congruence Based on what we have learned so far, what do you need to know in order to be able to say that these two triangles are congruent?

Remember: What does congruent mean?

Two figures are congruent if they have all of the same side lengths and angle measures.

Remember: What are tick marks? Arc Marks?

Straw Activity!

Measure and cut six pieces from the straws:

- Two are 2 inches long
- Two are 4 inches long
- Two are 5 inches long

Cut two pieces of string that are about 20 inches long

Thread one piece of each size of straw together so the pieces form a triangle.

Using the remaining pieces, try to make another triangle with the same side lengths that is NOT congruent to the first triangle

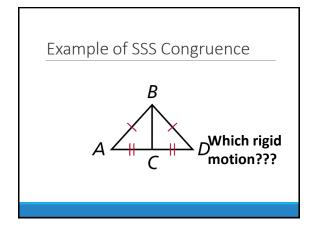
Reflection Questions

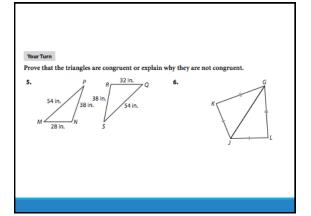
Do you think it is possible to make two triangles that have the same side lengths but are not congruent? Why or why not?

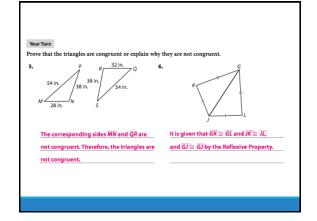
Complete the following conjecture based on your results:

Two triangles are congruent if

SSS (Side-Side) Congruence If three sides of one triangle are congruent to three sides of another triangles, then the triangles are congruent. $\triangle ABC \cong$







Straw Activity Part II

Measure and cut two pieces from the straws:

- One that is 4 inches long
- One that is 5 inches long

Use a protractor to help you bend a paper clip to form a 90 degree angle $\,$

Place the pieces of straw on the sides of the 30 degree angle $\,$

Without changing the angle formed by the paper clip, use a piece of straw to create a third side for your triangle. (Use two more paper clips to hold it all together).

 $\label{lem:compare your triangle with your neighbor's triangle. Are they congruent? \\$

Reflection Questions

Suppose you know two side lengths of a triangle and the measure of the angle between these sides. Can the length of the third side be any measure? Explain.

Complete the following conjecture based on your results:

Two triangles are congruent if

