

LESSON  
8.3**Study Guide**

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**GOAL** Use properties to identify parallelograms.**Vocabulary**

**Theorem 8.7:** If both pairs of opposite sides of a quadrilateral are congruent, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

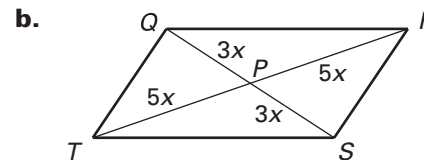
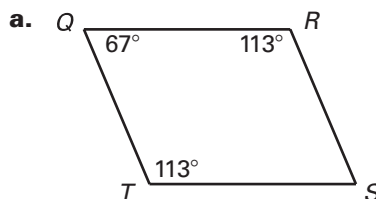
**Theorem 8.8:** If both pairs of opposite angles of a quadrilateral are congruent, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

**Theorem 8.9:** If one pair of opposite sides of a quadrilateral are congruent and parallel, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

**Theorem 8.10:** If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect each other, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

**EXAMPLE 1** Identify parallelograms

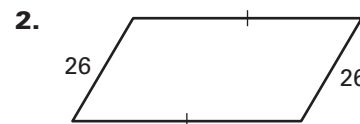
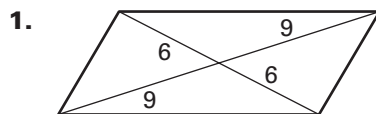
Explain how you know that quadrilateral  $QRST$  is a parallelogram.

**Solution**

- a. By the Corollary to Theorem 8.1 you know that  $m\angle Q + m\angle R + m\angle S + m\angle T = 360^\circ$ , so  $m\angle Q = 67^\circ$ . Because both pairs of opposite angles are congruent, then  $QRST$  is a parallelogram by Theorem 8.8.
- b. In the diagram,  $QP = PS$  and  $RP = PT$ . So, the diagonals bisect each other, and  $QRST$  is a parallelogram by Theorem 8.10.

**Exercises for Example 1**

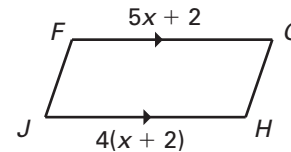
Which theorem can be used to show that the quadrilateral is a parallelogram?



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**EXAMPLE 2** Use algebra with parallelograms

For what value of  $x$  is quadrilateral  $FGHJ$  a parallelogram?


**Solution**

By Theorem 8.9, if one pair of opposite sides of a quadrilateral are congruent and parallel, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram. From the diagram,  $\overline{FG} \parallel \overline{JH}$ . Find  $x$  so that  $\overline{FG} \cong \overline{JH}$ .

$$\overline{FG} = \overline{JH} \quad \text{Set the segment lengths equal.}$$

$$5x + 2 = 4(x + 2) \quad \text{Substitute.}$$

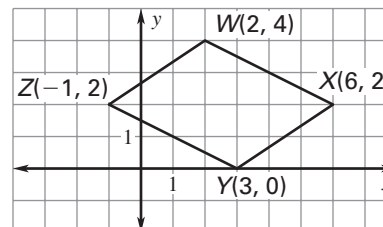
$$5x + 2 = 4x + 8 \quad \text{Distributive Property}$$

$$x = 6 \quad \text{Solve for } x.$$

When  $x = 6$ ,  $\overline{FG} = 5(6) + 2 = 32$  and  $\overline{JH} = 4(6 + 2) = 32$ . So,  $FGHJ$  is a parallelogram when  $x = 6$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Use coordinate geometry

Show that quadrilateral  $WXYZ$  is a parallelogram.


**Solution**

**STEP 1** Use the Distance Formula to show that  $\overline{WX}$  and  $\overline{YZ}$  are congruent.

$$\overline{WX} = \sqrt{(6 - 2)^2 + (2 - 4)^2} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \overline{YZ} = \sqrt{(-1 - 3)^2 + (2 - 0)^2} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{Because } \overline{WX} = \overline{YZ} = 2\sqrt{5}, \overline{WX} \cong \overline{YZ}.$$

**STEP 2** Use the slope formula to show that  $\overline{WX} \parallel \overline{YZ}$ .

$$\text{Slope of } \overline{WX} = \frac{2 - 4}{6 - 2} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Slope of } \overline{YZ} = \frac{2 - 0}{-1 - 3} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Because  $\overline{WX}$  and  $\overline{YZ}$  have the same slope, they are parallel.

$\overline{WX}$  and  $\overline{YZ}$  are congruent and parallel. So,  $WXYZ$  is a parallelogram by Theorem 8.9.

**Exercises for Examples 2 and 3**

- In the diagram at the right, what value of  $x$  makes the quadrilateral a parallelogram?
- The vertices of  $LMNO$  are  $L(-4, 2)$ ,  $M(-5, -2)$ ,  $N(-1, -4)$ , and  $O(0, 0)$ . Show that  $LMNO$  is a parallelogram.

