| TERM: | DEFINITION: |
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| Congruent <br> Triangles | Triangles in which corresponding angles <br> and sides are congruent. |

## Corresponding Parts of $\underline{\text { Congruent Triangles are Congruent }}$ СРСТС

Let's look at what this means. ....


By looking at this picture, we can conclude that $\triangle \mathrm{BOW} \cong \triangle \mathrm{MAN}$ because of $\qquad$ .

Because the triangles are congruent, now we can say
$\angle B \cong$ $\qquad$ ; $\angle \mathrm{O} \cong$ $\qquad$ ; and $\angle \mathrm{W} \cong$ $\qquad$ because of $\qquad$ .

Since the two triangles were proven congruent, we can now correctly assume that corresponding parts that we knew nothing about are now congruent.

Another example:

$\Delta \mathrm{BOW} \cong \triangle \mathrm{MAN}$ because of $\qquad$

Therefore, ___ $\cong \angle \mathrm{M}, \overline{\mathrm{BW}} \cong \ldots \ldots$ and $\ldots \overline{\mathrm{AN}}$ because of $\qquad$

$\triangle \mathrm{BOW} \cong \triangle \mathrm{MAN}$ by $\qquad$

Therefore, $\angle \mathrm{B} \cong$ $\qquad$ $\cong \angle \mathrm{A}$, and $\overline{\mathrm{BW}} \cong$ $\qquad$ because of $\qquad$

Proofs involving a Congruent Part will require you to add one additional step to the proof.

## EXAMPLE 1

Given: $\overline{\mathrm{RZ}}$ bisects $\angle \mathrm{TRS}$

Prove: $\quad \angle \mathrm{S} \cong \angle \mathrm{T}$


| STATEMENTS | REASONS |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. | 1. Given |
| 2. $\angle 3 \cong \angle 4$ | 2. |
| 3. $\angle \mathrm{TRZ} \cong \angle \mathrm{SRZ}$ | 3. |
| 4. | 4. Reflexive Property |
| 5. $\triangle \mathrm{TRZ} \cong \Delta$ | 5. |
| 6. | 6. |

## EXAMPLE 2:

Given: $\overline{\mathrm{AB}}$ bisects $\overline{\mathrm{CD}}$ $\angle C \cong \angle D$
Prove: $\angle \mathrm{A} \cong \angle \mathrm{B}$

| STATEMENTS | REASONS |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. $\overline{\mathrm{AB}}$ bisects $\overline{\mathrm{CD}}$ | 1. |
| 2. | 2. Given |
| 3. | 3. Definition of Segment Bisector |
| $4 . \angle \mathrm{AMC} \cong \angle \mathrm{BMD}$ | 4. |
| 5. $\triangle \mathrm{CMA} \cong \triangle$ | 5. |
| 6. | 6. |

## EXAMPLE 3

Given: $M$ is the midpoint of $\overline{A B}$

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\angle 1 \cong \angle 2, \angle 3 \cong \angle 4
$$

Prove: $\overline{\mathbf{A C}} \cong \overline{\mathbf{B D}}$


| STATEMENTS | REASONS |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. M is the midpoint of $\overline{\mathrm{AB}}$ | 1. |
| 2. | 2. Given |
| $3 . \angle 3 \cong \angle 4$ | 3. |
| 4. | 4. Definition of Midpoint |
| $5 . \triangle \mathrm{CAM} \cong \triangle$ | 5. |
| 6. | 6. |

## EXAMPLE 4

GIVEN: $S$ is the midpoint of $\overline{T V}$; $\overline{\mathrm{TR}} \cong \overline{\mathrm{VR}}$
PROVE: $\overline{\angle \mathrm{Tq}} \angle \mathrm{V}$


| STATEMENTS | REASONS |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. | 1. Given |
| 2. $\overline{\mathrm{TR}} \cong \overline{\mathrm{VR}}$ | 2. |
| 3. $\overline{\mathrm{TS}} \cong \overline{\mathrm{SV}}$ | 3. |
| 4. | 4. Reflexive Property |
| $5 . \Delta \mathrm{STR} \cong \Delta$ | 5. |
| 6. | 6. |

