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Similar Triangles

In the diagram at the right, quadrilateral $A B C D$ is a trapezoid with $\overline{A B} \| \overline{C D}$ and segment lengths as shown.


Directions: Be sure to show all your work and explain your answers to get full credit.

1. In the diagram below, $\overline{M R} \| \overline{N Q}$.
a. Provide an argument to justify that $\triangle M P R \sim \triangle N P Q$.

b. Use the given measurements to determine each of the following.
i. $R P$
ii. $N P$
2. Maya needed to determine the longest distance across Grand Lake. She made the measurements as shown in the diagram.
a. Provide an argument to justify that $\triangle N P M \sim \triangle R P S$.

b. Determine $M N$, the longest distance across Grand Lake.

Captain Cook needs to know the distance from his ship to the shore. He knows the measures given and that $\overline{\mathrm{BE}} \| \overline{\mathrm{CD}}$.


Note: The figure is not drawn to scale.
What is the distance ( x ) from his ship to the shore? Use mathematics to explain how you determined your answer. Use words, symbols, or both in your explanation.
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Given: $\overline{\mathrm{GH}} \| \overline{\mathrm{JK}}$


Prove: $\Delta \mathrm{GHI} \sim \Delta \mathrm{KJI}$
26.

Given: $\triangle \mathrm{ABD}$ and $\triangle \mathrm{BCD}$ are equilateral


Prove: $\Delta \mathrm{STU} \sim \Delta \mathrm{VWX}$
25.

Given: $\overline{\mathrm{MQ}} \| \overline{\mathrm{NP}}$


Prove: $\triangle \mathrm{QMO} \sim \triangle \mathrm{PNO}$
27.

Given: $\frac{\mathrm{AB}}{\mathrm{DC}}=\frac{\mathrm{AC}}{\mathrm{CE}}, \overline{\mathrm{AB}} \| \overline{\mathrm{CD}}$


Find the missing length. The triangles in each pair are similar.


When a Ferris wheel casts a 20-meter shadow, a man 1.8 meters tall casts a 2.4 -meter shadow. How tall is the Ferris wheel?

A 9-foot ladder leans against a building six feet above the ground. At what height would a 15 -foot ladder touch the building if both adders form the same angle with the ground?

Chris wants to reduce a triangle patter with sides $16,16,20$ centimeters. If the longest side of the new pattern is to be 15 cm , how long should the other two sides be?

