Similar Polygons

Two polygons are **similar** if the second can be obtained by the first by a sequence of translations, reflections, rotations, and dilations.

When you name similar polygons, their corresponding vertices must be named in the same order. For example, if polygon *ABCDE* below is similar to polygon *PQRST*, then we know that:



The ratio of the sides is called the **scale factor**. If, in the polygon above, *AB* were 12 and *PQ* were 8, then the scale factor would be $\frac{12}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$. The symbol for similar is ~, so we can also write *ABCDE~PQRST*.

1. Quadrilateral MILK ~ Quadrilateral SODA. Use the scale factor to find the values of x, y, and z.



2. Quadrilateral TUNE ~ Quadrilateral T'U'N'E'. Find:



3. Three sets of two similar polygons are shown. Find the values of x, y, and z for each set:



Are the Triangles Similar?

<u>Directions</u>: Based on the information given, which pair of triangles is similar? If they are similar, write the similarity statement, e.g., $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ by SAS~. Justify your answer completely.

