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7.2 - Similar Polygons

"POLY" means MANY...so, POLYGON means "a shape that has many sides"

When one Polygon is **ENLARGED** or **REDUCED** to produce another Polygon, we say the two Polygons are **SIMILAR**.

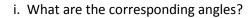
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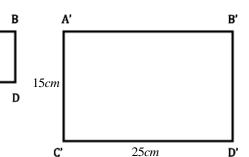
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MATCHING sides are known as **CORRESPONDING** sides and matching angles are known as **CORRESPONDING** angles.

Ex. 1: Determine if the two rectangles given below are **SIMILAR**.

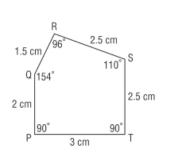


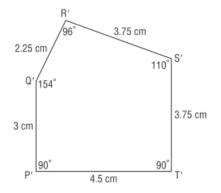


- ii. What are the corresponding sides?
- iii. Are the corresponding angles equal to each other?
- iv. Have all the corresponding sides been scaled up/down by the same scale factor?

Ex. 2: Determine if the two polygons are Similar.

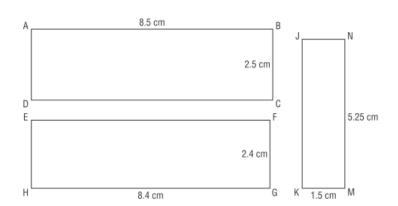
Are all corresponding <u>angles</u> equal?





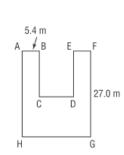
Are the ratios of all corresponding sides equal?

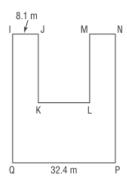
Ex. 3: Which pair of rectangles are similar?



Ex. 4: The two garden plots are similar.

a. Determine the length of side GH.





b. Determine the length of side NP.

Ex 5: Polygon A is half the size of Polygon B. Are the two polygons similar? Explain your answer.





Ex 6: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Why? "All circles are similar."