Lesson 2.6 – Special Angles on Parallel Lines



Corresponding Angles - Corresponding angles are angles that are in the same respective place on each of the lines cut by the transversal.



Corresponding Angles Conjecture (CA Conjecture) - If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then corresponding angles are congruent.



Alternate Interior Angles - Alternate interior angles fall between the two lines cut by the transversal, and on opposite sides of the transversal.



Pairs of Alternate Interior Angles: $\angle 3 \& \angle 6$, $\angle 4 \& \angle 5$



Alternate Exterior Angles Conjecture (AEA Conjecture) - If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then alternate exterior angles are congruent.



Example 1: Find each lettered angle measure using conjectures.



$a = 54^{\circ}$	a and the 54°	angle are vertical	angles and ar	e congruent.
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- $b = 54^{\circ}$ b and the 54° angle are corresponding angles on parallel lines and are congruent.
- $c = 54^{\circ}$ c and the 54° angle are alternate exterior angles on parallel lines and are congruent.

Example 2: Find each lettered angle measure using conjectures.



Let's label a couple of angles to make referring to them easier.



x and the 65° angle are alternate exterior angles on parallel lines and are congruent, so $x = 65^{\circ}$.

 $a = 115^{\circ}$ a and x are a linear pair of angles.

- $b = 65^{\circ}$ b and y are a linear pair of angles. y and a are corresponding angles on parallel lines and are congruent.
- $c = 115^{\circ}$ c and y are corresponding angles on parallel lines and are congruent.
- $d = 65^{\circ}$ d and b are alternate exterior angles on parallel lines and are congruent.

Example 3: Find each lettered angle measure using conjectures.



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x and the 54° angle are corresponding angles on parallel lines and are congruent, so $x = 54^{\circ}$. x and y are marked congruent, so $y = 54^{\circ}$.

 $a = 72^{\circ}$ a, x and y are supplementary so they add to 180°.

 $b = 126^{\circ}$ b and the 54° angle are a linear pair of angles.

Example 4: Use conjectures to determine whether $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$ and explain why. If not enough information is given, write "cannot be determined."



Let's label an angle to make references easier.



The 62° angle and x form a linear pair of angles and must add to 180°. That means that $x = 118^{\circ}$. If $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$, then the 118° angle and x should be alternate exterior angles on parallel lines and congruent. Since the 118° angle and x are congruent, then $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$.

Example 5: Use conjectures to determine whether $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$ and explain why. If not enough information is given, write "cannot be determined."



Let's label an angle to make references easier.



The 25° angle and x form a linear pair of angles and must add to 180°. That means that $x = 155^{\circ}$. If $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$, then the 95° angle and x should be corresponding angles on parallel lines and congruent. Since the 95° angle and x are not congruent, then $\ell_1 \not\parallel \ell_2$ (the line through parallel mark, means "not", so we are saying that the lines are not parallel).

Example 6: Use conjectures to determine whether $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$ and explain why. If not enough information is given, write "cannot be determined."



The only line that passes through both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 is the highlighted line. Since we have no information about any of the angles formed by this line and ℓ_1 or ℓ_2 , there is not enough information.

Cannot be determined.

Example 7: Find each lettered angle measure using conjectures.



Let's label an angle to make references easier.



x, the 44° angle, and the 78° angle are supplementary angles so $x = 58^{\circ}$.

 $a = 102^{\circ}$ a and b are a linear pair of angles, so solve for b first.

 $b = 78^{\circ}$ b and the 78° angle are corresponding angles on parallel lines and are congruent.

 $c = 58^{\circ}$ c and x are alternate exterior angles on parallel lines an are congruent.

 $d = 122^{\circ}$ c and d are a linear pair of angles.

- $e = 26^{\circ}$ e, the 90° angle, and the 64° angle are supplementary angles.
- $f = 58^{\circ}$ f and x are vertical angles.

Example 8: Find the value of *x*.



The two angles marked x and $3x - 160^{\circ}$ are alternate interior angles on congruent lines and must be congruent. Since they are congruent, we can set the angles equal to each other and solve.

x = 3x - 160-2x = -160x = 80 $x = 80^{\circ}$

Example 9: Find the values of *x* and *y*.



We should start by comparing angles that have like variables, so let's start with the angles that have an x.

The two angles marked $182^{\circ} - 4x$ and $5x + 2^{\circ}$ are vertical angles and must be congruent. Since they are congruent, we can set the angles equal to each other and solve.

$$182 - 4x = 5x + 2$$
$$182 = 9x + 2$$
$$180 = 9x$$
$$20 = x$$
$$x = 20^{\circ}$$

The two angles marked $182^{\circ} - 4x$ and $4y + 2^{\circ}$ are corresponding angles on parallel lines and must be congruent. Since they are congruent, we can set the angles equal to each other and solve.

182 - 4x = 4y + 2

We also know that $x = 20^{\circ}$, so we can replace x with 20.

$$182 - 4(20) = 4y + 2$$

$$182 - 80 = 4y + 2$$

$$102 = 4y + 2$$

$$100 = 4y$$

$$25 = y$$

$$y = 25^{\circ}$$