

# Similarity



In the unit video, you saw examples of scale drawings and prototypes. Why is it important to create a scale drawing and prototype (or scale model) of a bridge, product, or sculpture design? How do you know that a prototype will accurately represent the end product?

Think about whether a product is the exact same size as or congruent to its prototype. Are there similarities

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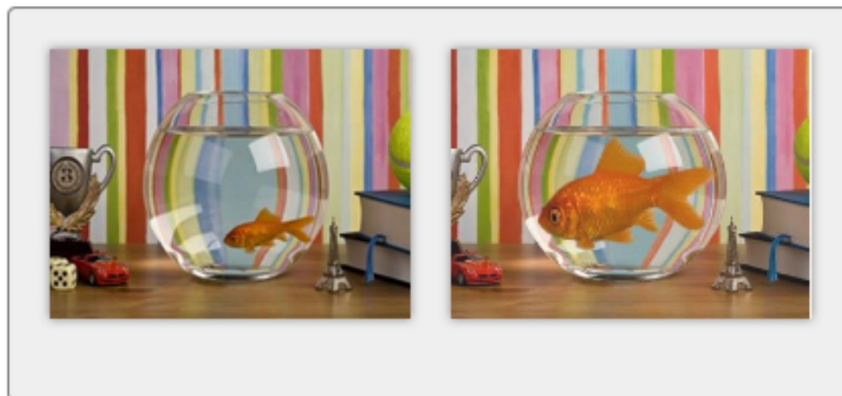
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## The Right Moves

We discovered that dilations preserve the shape of a figure in the plane. Rigid transformations preserve shape. What do you think will happen to a figure if you apply a sequence of transformations, translations, rotations, reflections, or dilations?

Remember, when a figure can be expressed as the image of another under a series of rigid transformations, the figures are congruent. When a figure can be expressed as the image of another under a series of rigid transformations and *dilations*, the figures are said to be similar.



Determine whether each statement is true or false? *Circle true or false.*

**A.** Two triangles are similar if one triangle can be mapped onto the other through a sequence of transformations, including dilations.

True      False

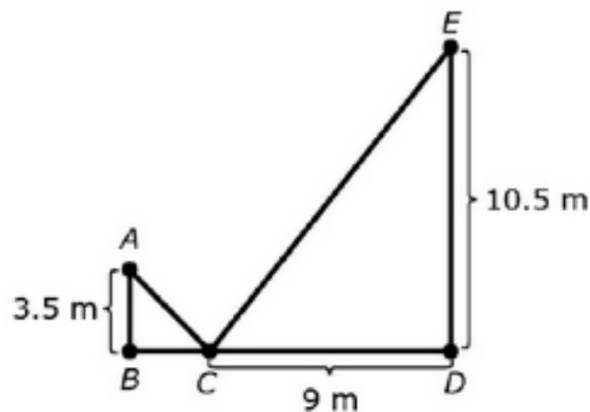
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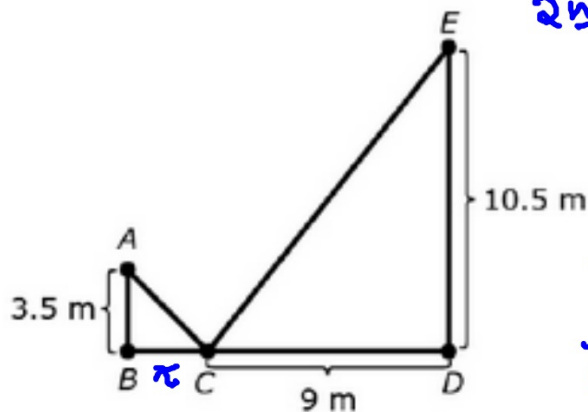
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2nd way

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