## Parallel Lines Cut by a Transversal

A line that intersects two or more other lines is called a transversal. For example, line $t$ is a transversal because it intersects lines $a$ and $b$.
Here, lines $a$ and $b$ are parallel. When a transversal intersects two parallel lines, it creates 8 angles. Some of the angle pairs have special names and relationships.


Corresponding angles can be found in matching corners on the same side of the transversal. One pair of these angles below is $\angle 1$ and $\angle 5$. Since lines $a$ and $b$ are parallel, the corresponding angles are congruent.


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m \angle 1=m \angle 5
$$

Alternate interior angles can be found between the parallel lines on opposite sides of the transversal. One pair of these angles below is $\angle 3$ and $\angle 6$. Since lines $a$ and $b$ are parallel, the alternate interior angles are congruent.

$m \angle 3=m \angle 6$

Alternate exterior angles are found outside the parallel lines on opposite sides of the transversal. One pair of these angles below is $\angle 2$ and $\angle 7$. Since lines $a$ and $b$ are parallel, the alternate exterior angles are congruent.

$m \angle 2=m \angle 7$

Same-side interior angles can be found between the parallel lines on the same side of the transversal. One pair of these angles in this diagram is $\angle 3$ and $\angle 5$. Since lines $a$ and $b$ are parallel, the same-side interior angles are supplementary, meaning their measures add up to $180^{\circ}$.


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m \angle 3+m \angle 5=180^{\circ}
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In the diagram below, lines $x$ and $y$ are parallel. Answer each question based on the diagram.
Answers may vary.


Name a pair of corresponding angles: $\angle 1$ and $\angle 5$
Name a pair of alternate interior angles: $\angle 3$ and $\angle 5$
Name a pair of alternate exterior angles: $\angle 4$ and $\angle 6$
Name a pair of same-side interior angles:

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\(\angle 3\) and \(\angle 8\)
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Name two angles that are congruent to $\angle 1: \angle 5$ and $\angle 7$

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Using the diagrams below, find the missing angle measures. Then explain how you found some of the angle measures.

In this diagram, lines $p$ and $q$ are parallel.


In this diagram, lines $\ell$ and $m$ are parallel.

$m \angle 1=39^{\circ}$
$m \angle 2=141^{\circ}$
$m \angle 3=141^{\circ}$
$m \angle 4=$ $\qquad$
$m \angle 5=39^{\circ}$
$m \angle 6=\underline{141^{\circ}}$
$m \angle 7=$ $39^{\circ}$

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Explain how you found $m \angle 1$.
Explain how you found $m \angle 3$.
The angle labeled $141^{\circ}$ and $\angle 5$ are supplementary, so $m \angle 5=39^{\circ}$. Since $\angle 1$ and $\angle 5$ are corresponding angles, they are congruent.

The angle labeled $141^{\circ}$ and $\angle 3$ are alternate exterior angles, so they are congruent. Also,
$\angle 1$ and $\angle 3$ are supplementary.

