

## Lesson Summary

- Three lengths determine a triangle provided the largest length is less than the sum of the other two lengths.
- Two angle measurements determine a triangle provided the sum of the two angle measurements is less than  $180^\circ$ .
- Three given angle measurements do not determine a unique triangle.
- Scale drawings of a triangle have equal corresponding angle measurements, but corresponding side lengths are proportional.

## Problem Set

- Decide whether each set of three given lengths determines a triangle. For any set of lengths that does determine a triangle, use a ruler and compass to draw the triangle. Label all side lengths. For sets of lengths that do not determine a triangle, write “Does not determine a triangle,” and justify your response.
  - 3 cm, 4 cm, 5 cm
  - 1 cm, 4 cm, 5 cm
  - 1 cm, 5 cm, 5 cm
  - 8 cm, 3 cm, 4 cm
  - 8 cm, 8 cm, 4 cm
  - 4 cm, 4 cm, 4 cm
- For each angle measurement below, provide one angle measurement that will determine a triangle and one that will not determine a triangle. Provide a brief justification for the angle measurements that will not form a triangle. Assume that the angles are being drawn to a horizontal segment  $AB$ ; describe the position of the non-horizontal rays of angles  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$ .

$\angle A$	$\angle B$ : A Measurement That Determines a Triangle	$\angle B$ : A Measurement That <i>Does Not</i> Determine a Triangle	Justification for No Triangle
$40^\circ$			
$100^\circ$			
$90^\circ$			
$135^\circ$			

3. For the given side lengths, provide the minimum and maximum whole number side lengths that determine a triangle.

Given Side Lengths	Minimum Whole Number Third Side Length	Maximum Whole Number Third Side Length
5 cm, 6 cm		
3 cm, 7 cm		
4 cm, 10 cm		
1 cm, 12 cm		