8.2 Practice A

In Exercises 1 and 2, determine whether the triangles are similar. If they are, write a similarity statement. Explain your reasoning.



In Exercises 3 and 4, show that the two triangles are similar.









5. In the diagram, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDC$.

- **a.** Is $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DE}$? Explain your reasoning.
- **b.** Show that $\triangle ACD \sim \triangle ECB$.
- **c.** Find $m \angle CAD$.
- **d.** Find *ED*.
- e. Find AD. Explain your reasoning.

In Exercises 6 and 7, is it possible for $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle XYZ$ to be similar? Explain your reasoning.

- 6. $m \angle A = 43^\circ$, $m \angle B = 61^\circ$, $m \angle Y = 61^\circ$, and $m \angle Z = 74^\circ$
- 7. $\angle A$ and $\angle X$ are right angles and $\angle B \cong \angle Z$.
- 8. Use the figure to write a two-column proof. Given: $\angle Q \cong \angle T$

Prove: $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{ST}$

