Reteaching 5-1

Midsegments of Triangles

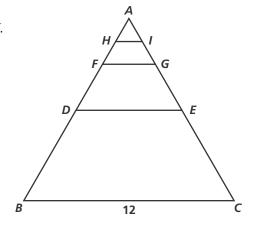
OBJECTIVE: Using properties of midsegments to solve problems

MATERIALS: Ruler

Example

 \overline{DE} is the midsegment of $\triangle ABC$. \overline{FG} is the midsegment of $\triangle ADE$. \overline{HI} is the midsegment of $\triangle AFG$. If BC = 12, find DE, FG, and HI.

$$DE = \frac{1}{2}BC$$
 $FG = \frac{1}{2}DE$ $HI = \frac{1}{2}FG$
= $\frac{1}{2}(12)$ = $\frac{1}{2}(6)$ = $\frac{1}{2}(3)$
= 6 = 3 = 1.5



Exercises

Follow the indicated steps to complete each exercise.

- Draw a triangle. Label it $\triangle XYZ$.
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle XYZ$ parallel to \overline{YZ} . Label it \overline{MN} .
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle XMN$ parallel to \overline{MN} . Label it \overline{PQ} .
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle XPQ$ parallel to \overline{PQ} . Label it \overline{RS} .
 - **1.** If RS = 4, find the following lengths.
 - **a.** *PQ*
- **b.** *MN*
- c. YZ

- Draw a triangle. Label it $\triangle PUV$.
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle PUV$ parallel to \overline{UV} . Label it \overline{ST} .
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle PST$ parallel to \overline{ST} . Label it \overline{QR} .
- Draw the midsegment of $\triangle PQR$ parallel to \overline{QR} . Label it \overline{NO} .
 - **2.** If QR = 5, find the following lengths.
 - a. NO
- **b.** *ST*
- $\mathbf{C}.$ UV
- **3.** If NO = 2, find the following lengths.
 - a. QR
- **b.** *ST*
- $\mathbf{C}.$ UV