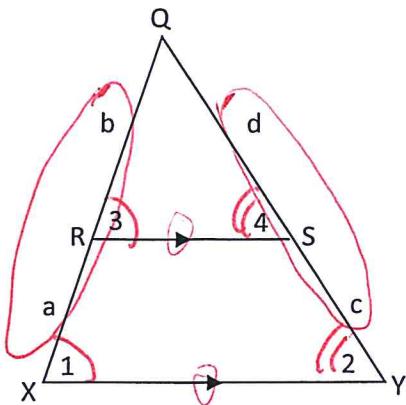


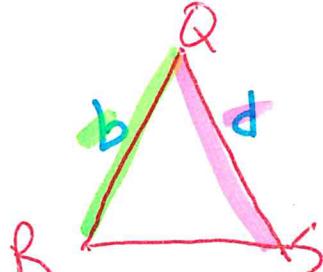
Side-Splitter Theorem



$\overline{RS} \parallel \overline{XY}$ (Given)

$\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$ and $\angle 2 \cong \angle 4$ (Corresponding \angle s \cong)

$\triangle QXY \sim \triangle QRS$ by AA ~

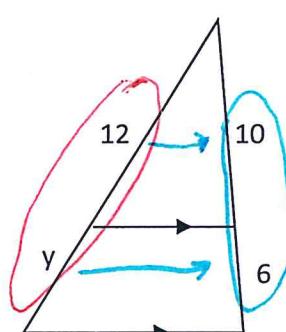


$$\frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{c+d}{d} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}}$$

Since the \triangle s are similar, corr. sides are proportional.

Side-Splitter Theorem: If a line is parallel to one side of a triangle and intersects the other 2 sides, then it divides those sides proportionally.

Example 1:



$$\frac{12}{10} = \frac{10}{6}$$

$$12y = 72$$

$$y = 7.2$$

Example 2:

$$\frac{(x+1.5)}{x} = \frac{5}{2.5}$$

$$5x = 2.5x + 3.75$$

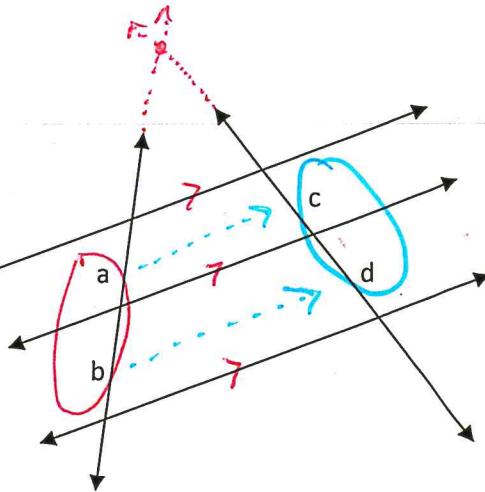
$$2.5x = 3.75$$

$$x = 1.5$$

Corollary to Theorem 7-4:

If 3 (or more) parallel lines intersect 2 (or more) transversals, then the segments intercepted on the transversals are proportional.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$



Example 3: The segments joining the sides of trapezoid RSTU are parallel to its bases. Find x and y.

$$\frac{6}{x} = \frac{5}{12.5}$$

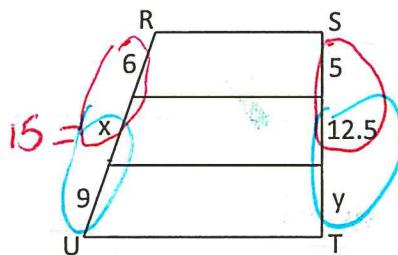
$$5x = 75$$

$$\boxed{x=15}$$

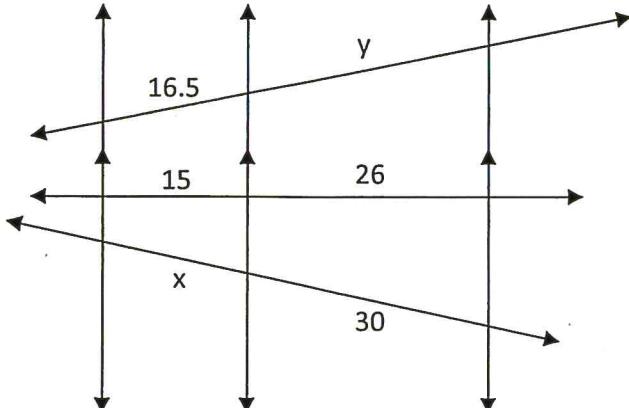
$$\frac{15}{9} = \frac{12.5}{y}$$

$$15y = 112.5$$

$$\boxed{y=7.5}$$



Quick Check: Solve for x and y.



$$x = \frac{225}{13} = 17.3$$

$$y = 28.6$$