

# 7.3A

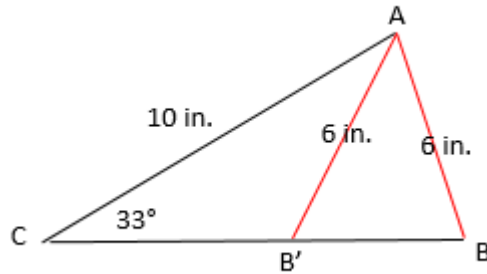
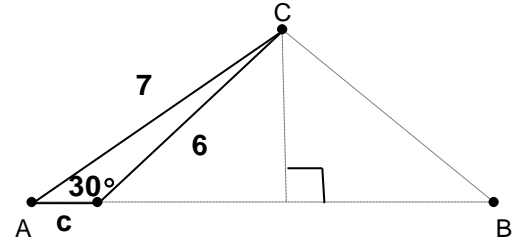
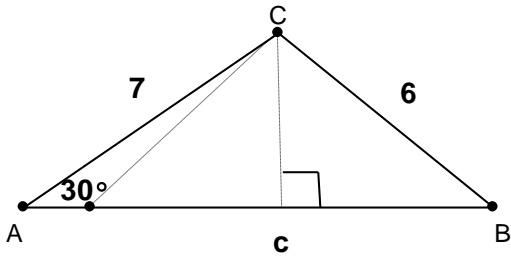
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Objective:

If the picture is not drawn for an SSA triangle, you do not know how the triangle is put together.

**SSA (The Ambiguous Case):** If you know two sides and a non-included angle (an angle that is not between the sides), there may be zero, one, or two possible triangles that fit the given measurements.

Solve  $\triangle ABC$  given that  $a = 6$ ,  $b = 7$ , and  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ . Two triangles are possible with the given information.



To determine if there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> valid angle:

1. See if you are given two sides and the angle not in between (SSA). This is the situation that may have 2 possible answers.
2. Find the value of the unknown angle.
3. No triangle:

One triangle:

Two triangles:

\*\*\*When using law of sines, you must \_\_\_\_\_!!!!!!!

**Examples:** Solve each triangle. Round your answers to the nearest tenth. Hint: Draw the triangle and identify the type of triangle.

a)  $\beta = 38^\circ$ ,  $b = 2.9$ ,  $c = 5.9$

$m\angle A =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $a =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle B =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $b =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle C =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_

b)  $\beta = 38^\circ$ ,  $b = 6.4$ ,  $c = 5.9$

$m\angle A =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $a =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle B =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $b =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle C =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c)  $m\angle C = 36^\circ$ ,  $b = 19$  m,  $c = 20$  m

$m\angle A =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $a =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle B =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $b =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle C =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_

d)  $\beta = 38^\circ$ ,  $b = 4.7$ ,  $c = 5.9$

$m\angle A =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $a =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle B =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $b =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$m\angle C =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_