## Similar or Congruent?

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## Exploring angle measures

In Cabri Jr. open the file ANGLE. You will see $\triangle Z A P$ within $\triangle C A T$. The angle measures are shown next to the triangle. Please note that $P$ refers to $\angle A P Z$ and $Z$ refers to $\angle A Z P$.

1. Drag points $A, C$, or $T$. What do you notice about the angles when comparing $\triangle C A T$ to $\triangle Z A P$ ?

2. Drag point $P$. What do you notice about the angles?

Now open the file SIDE. You will see the same $\triangle Z A P$ within $\triangle C A T$. The side lengths are shown next to the triangle.
3. Drag points $A, C$, or $T$. What do you notice about the side lengths when comparing $\triangle C A T$ to $\triangle Z A P$ ?

4. Drag point $P$. What do you notice about the side lengths? Are they ever the same?
5. When are $\triangle C A T$ and $\triangle Z A P$ similar triangles? Congruent triangles?

