## Activity 7.2 Conjectures About Similarity

## Question

When a figure is enlarged, how are corresponding angles related? How are corresponding lengths related?

## Materials

- ruler
- calculator
- protractor

## Explore

Photo 1 is an enlargement of Photo 2.

- Use a ruler to find the length of  $\overline{AB}$  in each photo. Then use a calculator to find the ratio of AB in Photo 1 to AB in Photo 2. Round to the nearest tenth.
- 2 Use a protractor to find  $m \angle 1$  in each photo. Then find the ratio of  $m \angle 1$  in Photo 1 to  $m \angle 1$  in Photo 2.
- 3 Continue finding measurements in the photos and record your results in a table like the one shown below.



Photo 1

| Measurement  | Photo 1 | Photo 2 | Ratio |
|--------------|---------|---------|-------|
| AB           |         |         |       |
| AF           |         |         |       |
| CD           |         |         |       |
| $m \angle 1$ |         |         |       |
| $m \angle 2$ |         |         |       |



Photo 2

- 1) Make a conjecture about the relationship between corresponding lengths when a figure is enlarged.
- 2) Make a conjecture about the relationship between corresponding angles when a figure is enlarged.
- 3) Suppose an angle in Photo 2 has a measure of 35°. What is the measure of the corresponding angle in Photo 1?
- 4) Challenge: Suppose a segment in Photo 1 is 5 centimeters long. What is the measure of the corresponding segment in Photo 2?