## Mathelpers

## Congruent Line Segments and Angles

Here are two constructions you can do with your compass and a straight edge.

Construct a line segment congruent to $\overline{\mathrm{MN}}$.
Step 1: Draw a ray longer than $\overline{\mathrm{MN}}$. Label the endpoint R. $\overline{\mathrm{MN}} \cong \overline{R T}$


Step 2: Measure $\overline{\mathrm{MN}}$ using your compass. Put the point on $M$, and open the compass so the pencil is on N .


Step 3: Use the same opening from Step 2. Put the compass point on R. Draw an arc intersecting the ray.
Label the intersection point $T$.

$\overline{M N} \cong \overline{R T}$

## Construct an angle congruent to $\angle S U T$.

Step 1: With the compass point on U, draw an arc through $\angle S U T$


Step 2: Draw AK.
Use the same opening as in Step 1.
With the compass point on $A$,
draw an arc just like the one you drew in Step 1.


Step 3: Use the compass to measure the arc in $\angle$ SUT
D


Step 4: Using the same opening, locate point D.

Step 5: Draw $\overrightarrow{A D} .<S U T \cong<D A K$


