

Parent Guide to the

Dilation and Parallel Lines

Today's Standard

HSG.SRT.A1a - A dilation takes a line not passing through the center of the dilation to a parallel line, and leaves a line passing through the center unchanged.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Scaling maps and blueprints; Modeling in architecture; Creating similar figures in art; Understanding lens magnification in optics

Today I Learned

Today we learned about how dilations change the size of shapes but keep their form. If a line doesn't go through the center, it moves to a parallel line. If it does go through the center, it stays the same.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think dilations change the direction of lines, but they don't. They also think dilations change angles, but angles stay the same.

Quiz Me

- What is a dilation?
- What happens to a line that doesn't go through the center of dilation?
- Does a dilation change the angles of a shape?
- Can you give an example of a real-world use of dilation?
- What happens to a line that goes through the center of dilation?

Help Me

A dilation changes the size of a shape but keeps its form. This is like making a small drawing bigger without changing how it looks. In the real world, this helps in things like making maps or models.