# **Alternate Exterior Angles Converse**

## **Examples & Non-Examples**

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Since these are alternate exterior angles, and they are congruent, then lines I and m must be parallel.	Since these are alternate exterior angles, and they are congruent, then lines I and m must be parallel.	Since lines I and m are parallel, then angles 1 and 2 are congruent because they are alternate exterior angles.

### **Definition**

The Alternate Exterior Angles Converse is a converse of the Alternate Exterior Angles Theorem. It states:

"If two lines are cut by a transversal and the alternate exterior angles are congruent, then the lines are parallel."

#### In other words:

- If you are given that two alternate exterior angles are equal in measure,
- Then you can conclude that the two lines are parallel.

#### Why it matters:

This converse is often used in proofs to show that lines **must be parallel** based on angle relationships.

