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## THEOREM

## TRIANGLE MIDSEGMENT THEOREM

The segment connecting the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half as long as that side.

$\overline{\mathrm{DE}}$ is a midsegment of $\triangle \mathrm{ABC}$,
$\mathrm{DE} \| \mathrm{AC}$, and $\mathrm{DE}=$ $\qquad$ .

## EXAMPLES:

In Examples 1-6, use $\triangle$ QRS where $A, B$, and $C$ are the midpoints of the sides.

1. When $\mathrm{AB}=16$, what is QS ?
2. When $S R=68$, what is $C A$ ?
3. When $S R=46$, what is BR?

4. When $\mathrm{CA}=3 x-1$ and $\mathrm{SR}=5 x+4$, what is CA ?
5. When $\mathrm{QS}=6 x$ and $\mathrm{CS}=5 x-8$, what is AB ?
6. When $m \angle \mathrm{BCA}=48^{\circ}$, what is the $m \angle \mathrm{CAQ}$ ?
