A **counterexample** is an example that shows that a statement is false.

EXAMPLE

Tell whether the statement is *true* or *false*. If false, give a counterexample.

- **a.** If a polygon has four sides and opposite sides are parallel, then it is a rectangle.
 - False. A counterexample is the parallelogram shown.
- **b.** If $x^2 = 49$, then x = 7.
 - False. A counterexample is x = -7, because $(-7)^2 = 49$.

PRACTICE

Rewrite the conditional statement in if-then form. Then write its converse and tell whether the converse is *true* or *false*.

- **1.** The graph of the equation y = mx + b is a line.
- 2. You will earn \$35 for working 5 hours.
- 3. Abby can go swimming if she finishes her homework.
- **4.** In a right triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs equals the square of the length of the hypotenuse.
- 5. x = 5 when 4x + 8 = 28.
- 6. The sum of two even numbers is an even number.

Tell whether the biconditional statement is *true* or *false*. *Explain*.

- 7. Two lines are perpendicular if and only if they intersect to form a right angle.
- 8. $x^3 = 27$ if and only if x = 3.
- 9. A vegetable is a carrot if and only if it is orange.
- 10. A rhombus is a square if and only if it has four right angles.
- 11. The graph of a function is a parabola if and only if the function is $y = x^2$.
- 12. An integer is odd if and only if it is not even.

Tell whether the statement is *true* or *false*. If false, give a counterexample.

- 13. If an integer is not negative, then it is positive.
- 14. If you were born in the summer, then you were born in July.
- 15. If a polygon has exactly 5 congruent sides, then the polygon is a pentagon.
- **16.** If x = -6, then $x^2 = 36$.
- 17. If *B* is 6 inches from *A* and 8 inches from *C*, then *A* is 14 inches from *C*.
- 18. If a triangle is isosceles, then it is obtuse.
- 19. If Charlie has \$1.00 in coins, then he has four quarters.
- 20. If you are in Montana, then you are in the United States.