Example

Given:  $p \land q$ ;  $q \rightarrow \sim (r \lor s)$ Prove:  $\sim r \land \sim s$ 

Proof:

Statements

Reasons

- 1.  $p \wedge q$
- 2.  $q \wedge p$
- 3. q
- 4.  $q \rightarrow \sim (r \lor s)$
- 5.  $\sim (r \vee s)$
- 6.  $\sim r \wedge \sim s$

- 1. Given
- 2. Step 1 and Commutative Rule
- 3. Step 2 and Simplification
- 4. Given
- 5. Steps 3 and 4 and Modus Ponens
- 6. Step 5 and DeMorgan's Rule

**Exercises** 

Supply the reasons to complete each proof.

1. Given:  $a \rightarrow \sim b$ ; b

Prove:  $\sim a$ 

- **Statements**
- 1. *b*
- 2.  $\sim (\sim b)$
- 3.  $a \rightarrow \sim b$
- $4. \sim a$

2. Given:  $a \vee (b \wedge c)$ ;  $\sim b$ 

Prove: a

- Statements
- 1.  $a \lor (b \land c)$
- 2.  $(a \lor b) \land (a \lor c)$
- 3.  $a \lor b$
- $4. b \lor a$
- $5. \sim b$
- 6. a

Write two-column proofs for the following.

**3.** Given:  $a \wedge (b \wedge c)$ 

Prove: c

5. Given:  $p \lor \sim q$ ; q

Prove: p

7. Given:  $p \lor (q \land s)$ 

Prove:  $p \lor s$ 

- **4.** Given:  $(p \land q) \rightarrow s$ ;  $\sim s$  Prove:  $\sim p \lor \sim q$
- **6.** Given:  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ ;  $q \rightarrow r$ ; p

Prove: r

**8.** Given:  $t \vee (r \vee s)$ ;  $\sim r \wedge \sim s$ 

Prove: t

Assume the given statements are true, symbolize the statements, and write a two-column proof.

- **9.** If solid X is a cube, then it has twelve edges. If solid X is not a cube, then it does not have all square faces. Solid X has all square faces. Prove that solid X has twelve edges. (Use the letters c, t, and s.)
- 10. Pat loves me or Jean loves me. Pat sent me a valentine or Pat sent Kevin a valentine. If Pat sent me a valentine, I would have received it by now. If Pat sent Kevin a valentine, then Pat doesn't love me. I have received no valentines.

Prove that Jean loves me. (Use the letters p, j, v, k, r.)