Learning
Objective

To: Use Pythagoras to Find Longest Side

Date:

Do NOW Activity:

- 1 Work out $\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{3}{4}$
- 2 Work out 4.5 × 3.5
- 3 Evaluate 1⁶
- 4 Expand x(2x-1)
- 5 **Express** the speed 5 m per second as km per hour

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE CHECK:

- 1. I can work with square and root numbers
- 2. I can round decimals

THE MAIN EVENT

WORKED EXAMPLE #1:

key idea

In a right triangle, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where a and b are the lengths of the legs and c is the length of the hypotenuse. This is called Pythagoras' theorem.



What is the length of the hypotenuse?

solution

Use Pythagoras' theorem, with a = 6 and b = 8.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$
 Pythagoras' theorem

$$6^2 + 8^2 = c^2$$
 Plug in a = 6 and b = 8

$$36 + 64 = c^2$$
 Square

$$100 = c^2 \qquad Add$$

$$\sqrt{100} = \sqrt{c^2}$$
 Take the square root of both sides

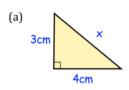
$$10 = c$$
 Simplify

c = centimetres

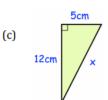
The length of the hypotenuse is 10 centimetres.

PRACTICE #1:

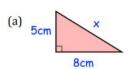
Question 1: For each right angle triangle below, work out x

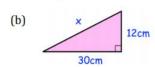


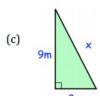
(b) × 8cm

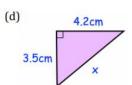


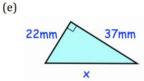
Question 2: Calculate x
Give each answer to 2 decimal places.











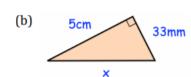


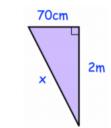
PRACTICE #2:

Question 3: Calculate x

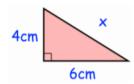
Include suitable units and give each answer to 1 decimal place.

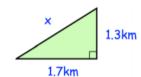


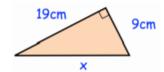




(c)

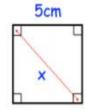






PRACTICE #3:

Shown is a square with side length 5cm.
 Find the length of the diagonal, x.



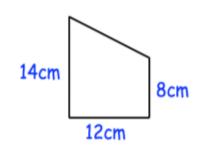
- A rectangle is 20cm long and 8cm wide.
 Find the length of the diagonal of the rectangle.
- An airplane is flying from Redville to Leek.

 The airplane flies 50 miles East and then 180 miles South.

 How far is Leek from Redville directly?



A frame is made from wire.
 The frame is a trapezium
 Calculate the total amount of wire needed to make the frame.



Give your answer to 1 decimal place.