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CURRICULUM

Subject: Maths

Key Stage: 4

# PYTHAGORAS' THEOREM

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## Title: Pythagoras' Theorem

### Curriculum links:

KS4 National curriculum

Apply Pythagoras' Theorem and trigonometric ratios to find angles and lengths in right-angled triangles (**and, where possible, general triangles**) in two (**and three**) dimensional figures.

### Lls:

State Pythagoras' Theorem as a short equation.

Calculate the length of the hypotenuse using the equation.

Apply and rearrange the equation to real-life situations to find missing values.

## Instructions for use:

Most tasks have been differentiated to three levels with the orange boxed task being the easier of the three and the grey being the more challenging.

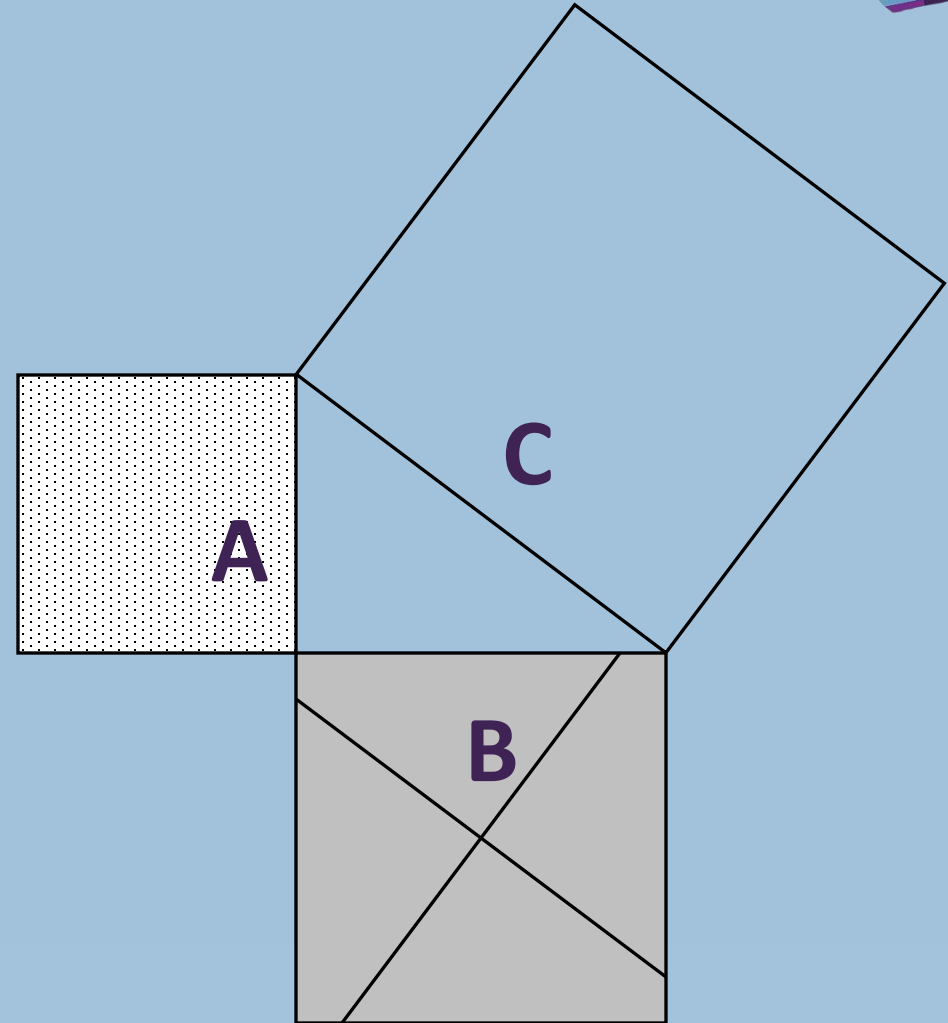
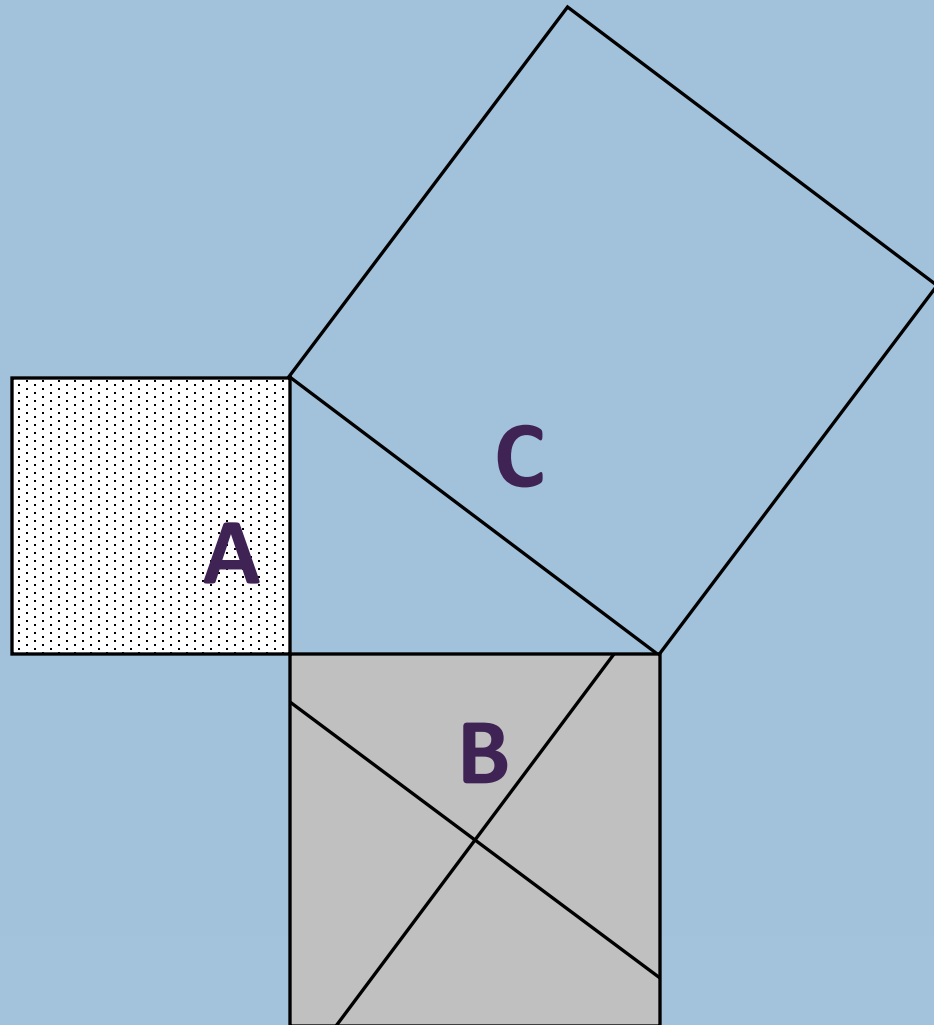
For mixed ability classes we suggest keeping all tasks and directing your students towards their appropriate level. For setted classes you can delete the tasks you feel are not appropriate.

Throughout we have added questions in orange that can be used to prompt conversation, draw further information from your students and deepen their understanding.

Please feel free to edit the order of the slides so this lesson is consistent with your approach.

Additional information can be found in the notes section of each slide.

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# STARTER



We can use Pythagoras' Theorem to calculate the lengths of the sides of a right-angled triangle

Where can we find examples of triangles being used?

What do you know about the shape of triangles?



Triangles provide strength and stability so are often used in architecture



Doritos



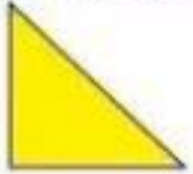





Some members of the LGBT+ community wear a pink triangle with pride. It is a symbol used to remember those persecuted on account of their identity, in the Holocaust

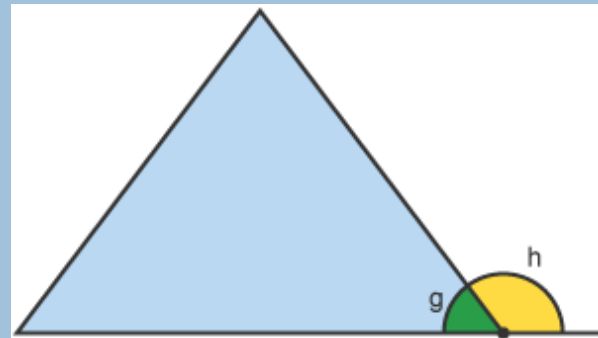


The pyramids



<p><b>Acute Triangle</b> All three angles are acute (less than <math>90^\circ</math>).</p> 	<p><b>Equilateral Triangle</b> All three sides are congruent (same size).</p> 
<p><b>Right Triangle</b> One of the angles is a right angle (<math>90^\circ</math>).</p> 	<p><b>Isosceles Triangle</b> Two sides are congruent (same size).</p> 
<p><b>Obtuse Triangle</b> One of the angles is an obtuse angle (<math>&gt; 90^\circ</math>).</p> 	<p><b>Scalene Triangle</b> No sides are congruent (same size).</p> 

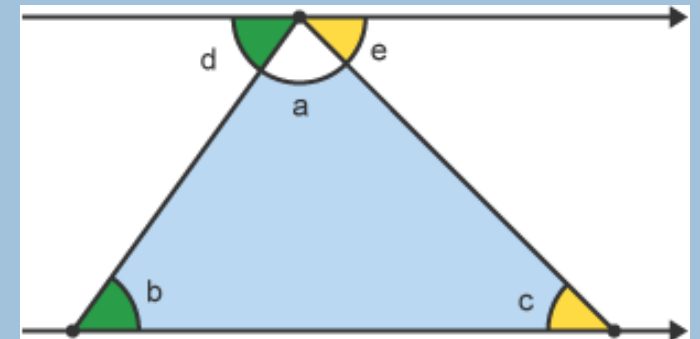
A triangle is a 2-D polygon with three sides.



$$g + h = 180^\circ$$

$$d + a + e = 180^\circ$$

$$a + b + c = 180^\circ$$



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

# BIG PICTURE

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# LEARNING INTENTIONS



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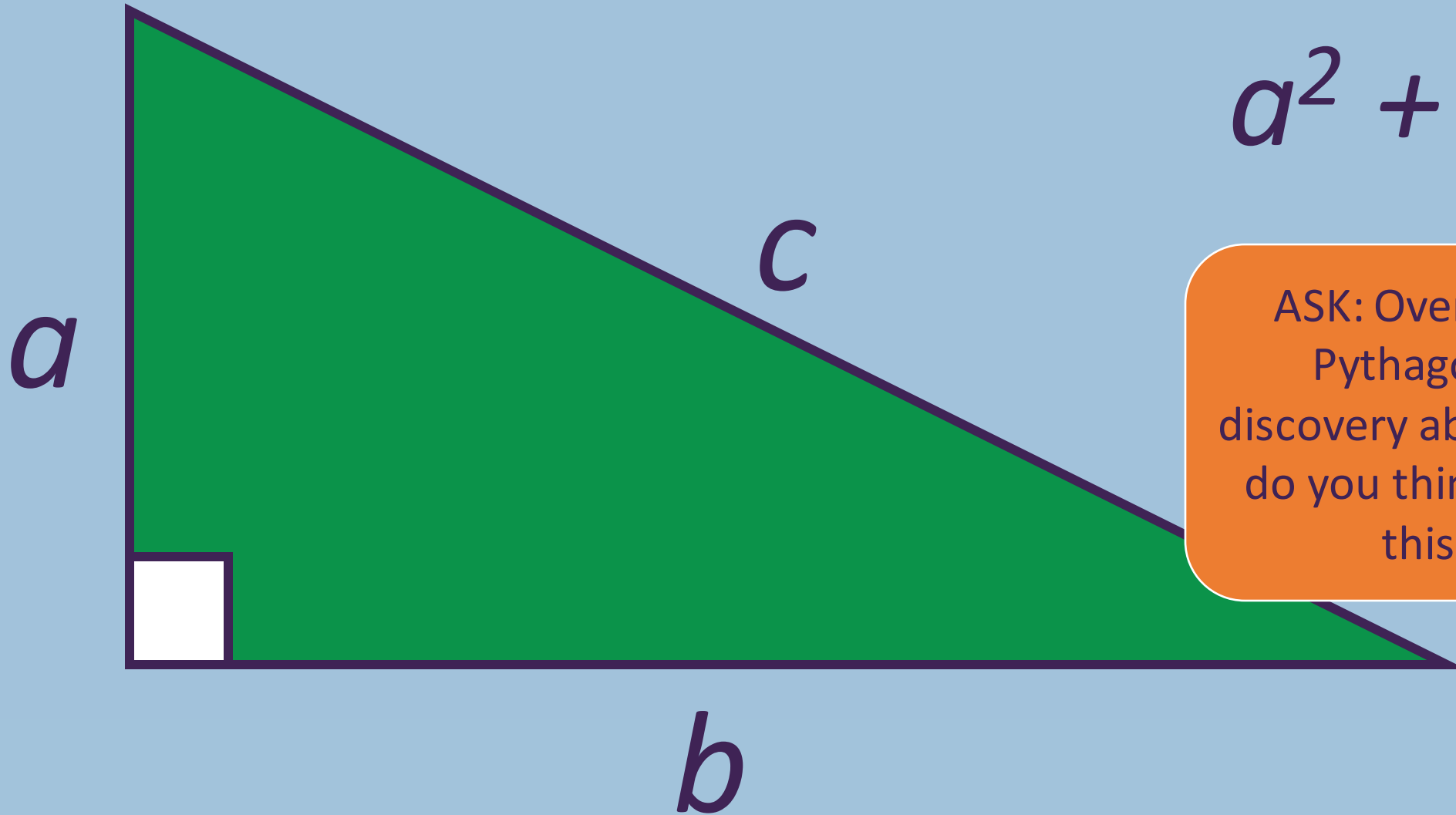
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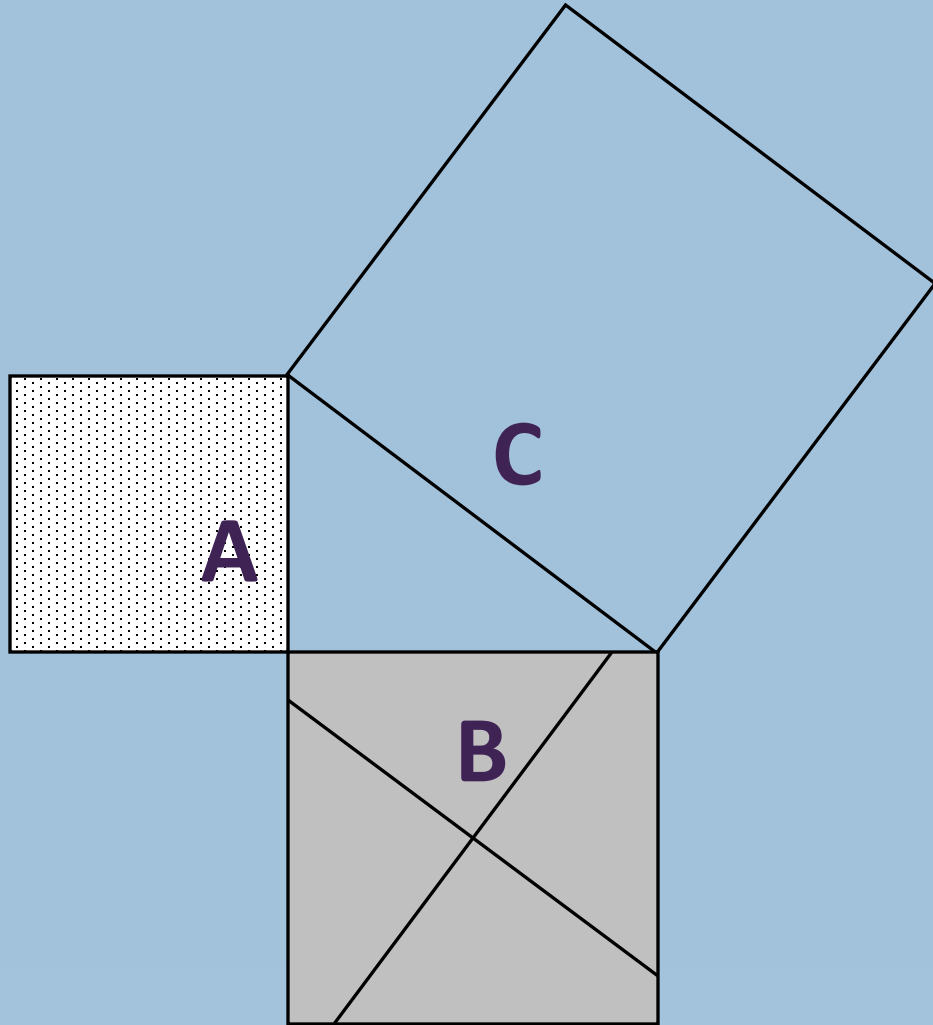
# NEW MATERIAL



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

ASK: Over 2000 years ago Pythagoras made this discovery about triangles. How do you think we could prove this is correct?

# PROVE IT



1. Carefully cut out the whole shape
2. Cut off squares A and B
3. Cut along the lines inside square B to split it into four pieces
4. You should be able to arrange square A and the four pieces of square B so they all fit inside of square C

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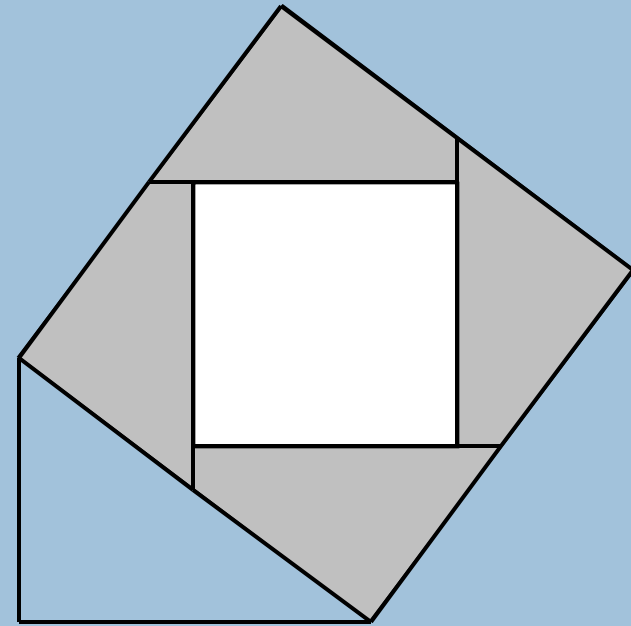


By fitting squares A and B inside of square C we have proven that:

Area of A + Area of B = Area of C

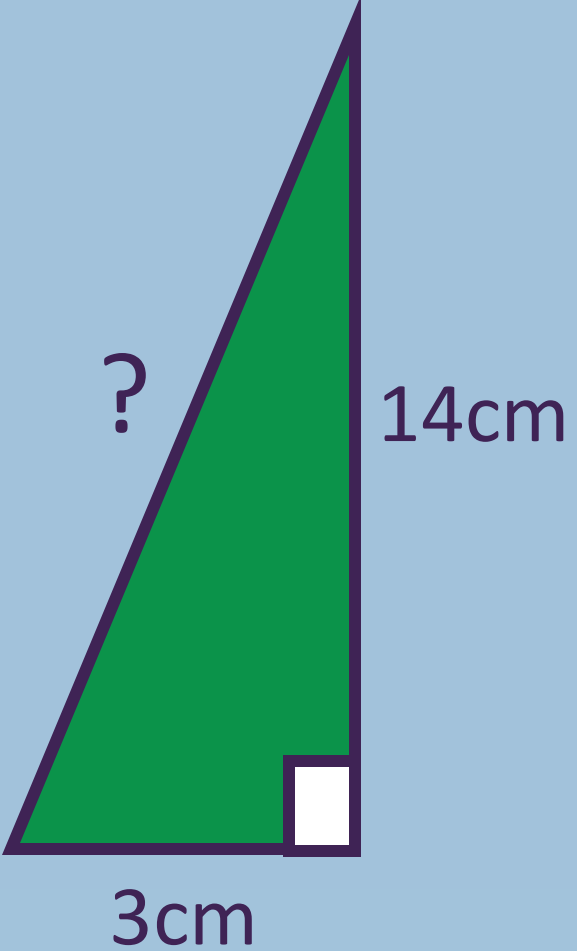
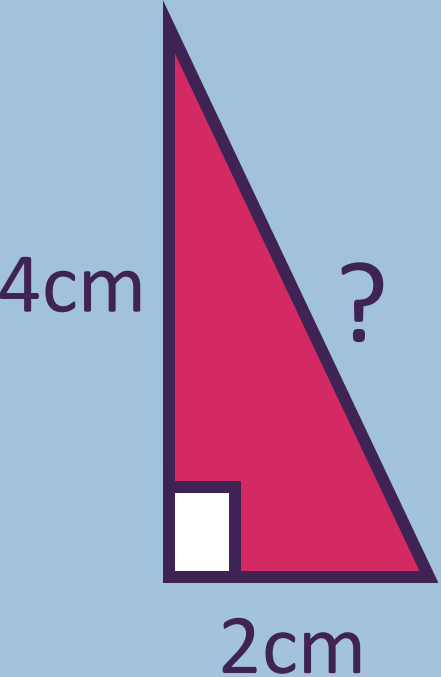
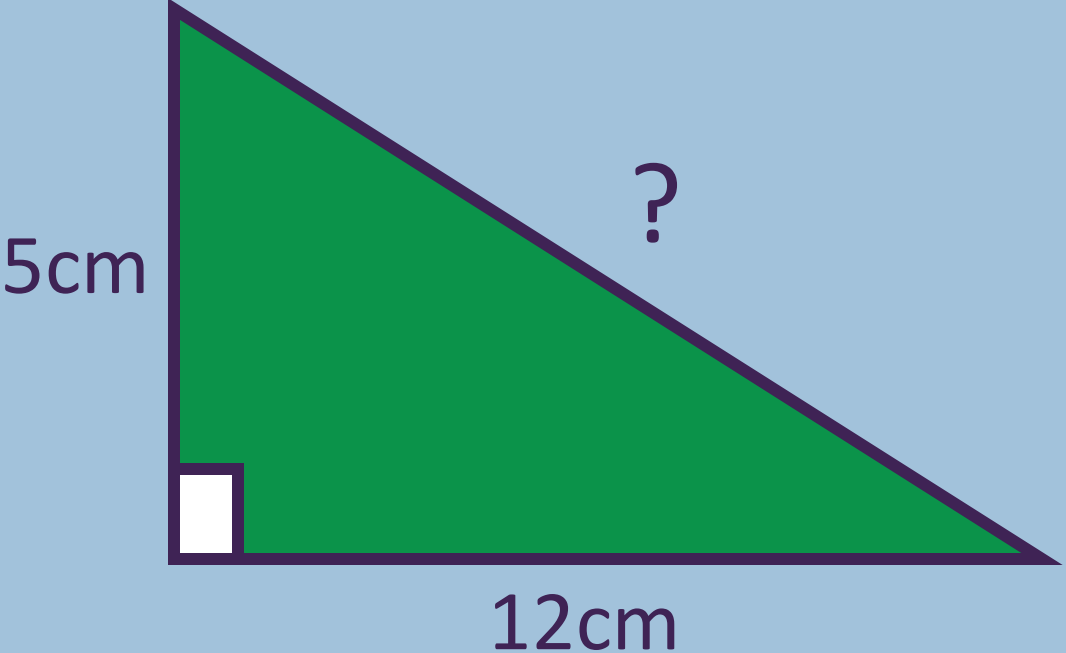
Which we can write as:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



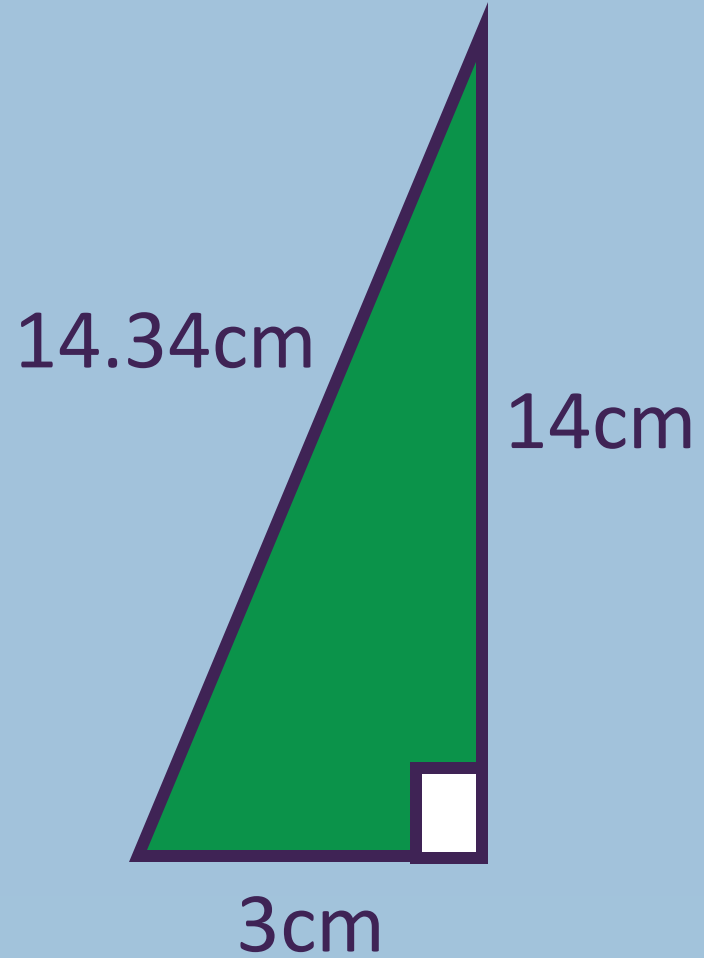
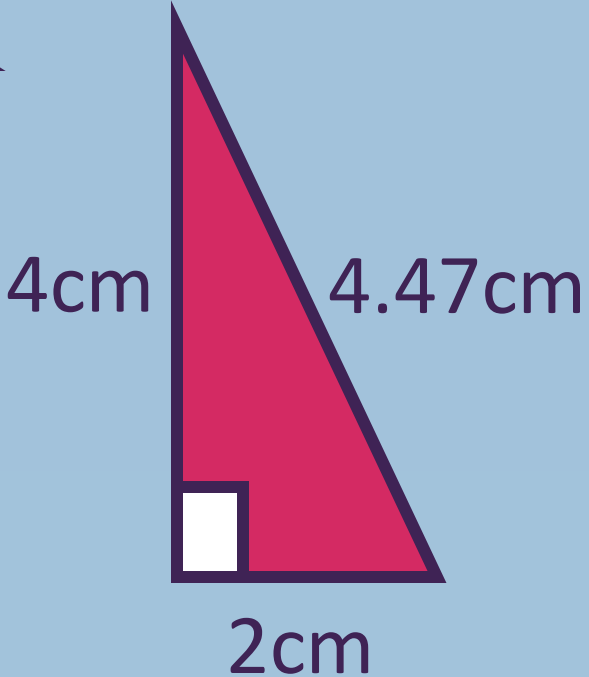
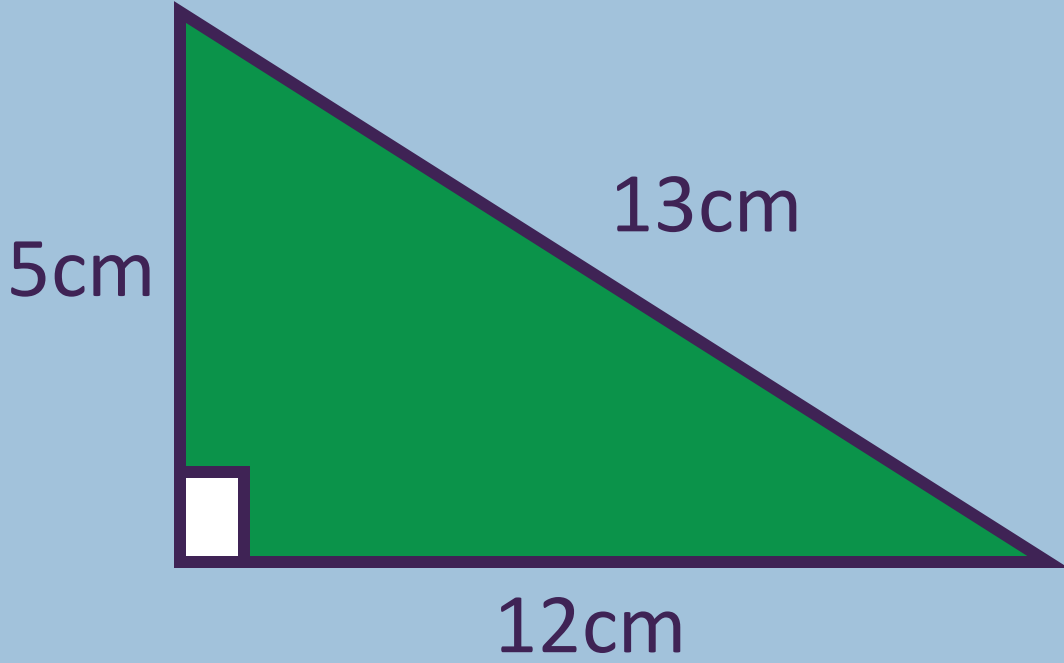
ASK: How would we calculate?

# REVIEW AND REFLECT



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# WHITEBOARDS



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

Rearrange the equation for:

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

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$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{c^2 - b^2}$$

$$b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$$



# REVIEW AND REFLECT

1.  $a = 15\text{cm}$   $b = ?$   
 $c = 17\text{cm}$

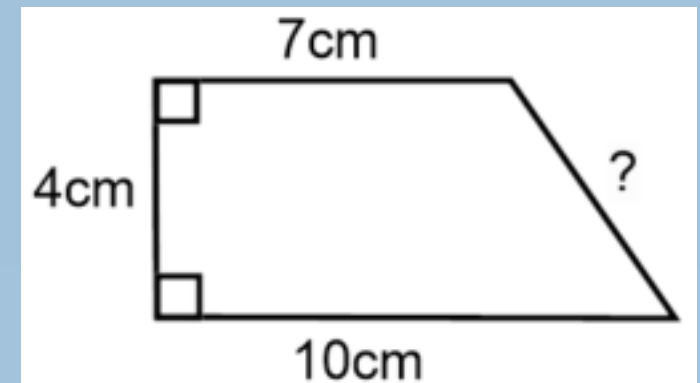
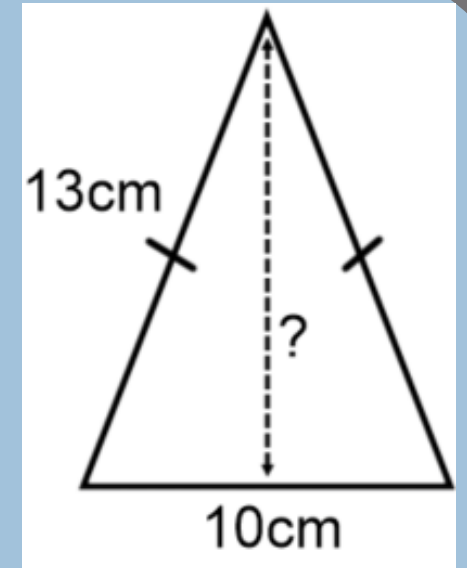
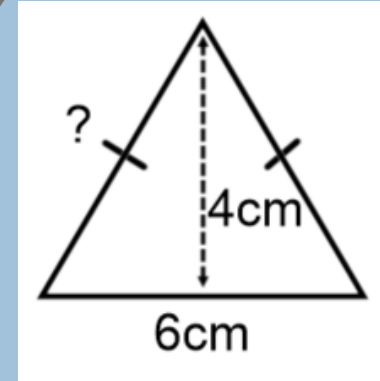
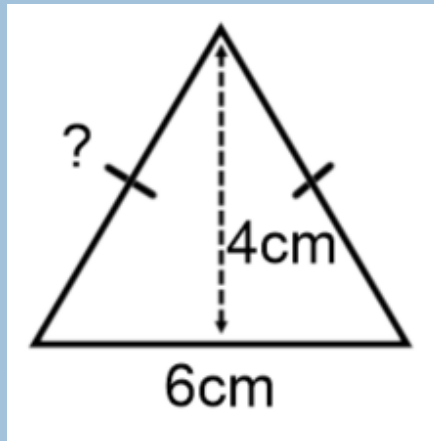
2.  $a = 4\text{cm}$   $b = 8\text{cm}$   $c = ?$

3.  $a = ?$   $b = 10\text{cm}$   
 $c = 12\text{cm}$

1.  $a = ?$   $b = 13.5\text{cm}$   
 $c = 14.6\text{cm}$

2.  $a = 3.4\text{cm}$   $b = 7.1\text{cm}$   $c = ?$

3.



- $b = 8\text{cm}$

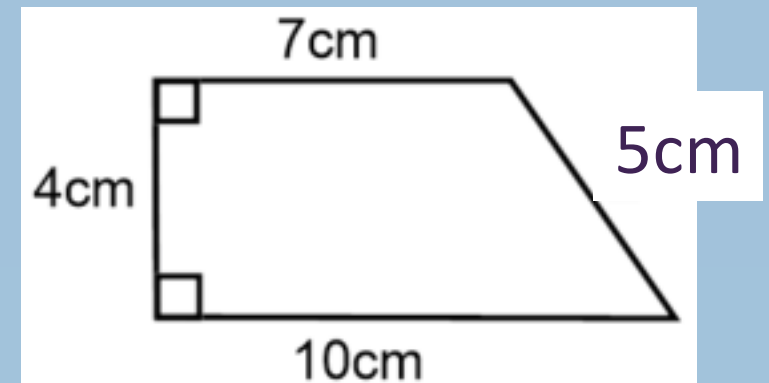
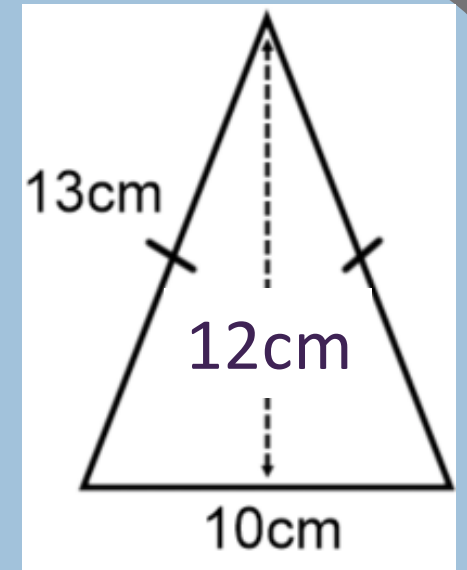
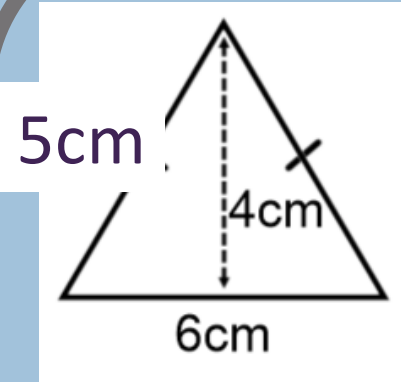
- $c = 8.94\text{cm}$

- $a = 6.63\text{cm}$

- $a = 5.56\text{cm}$

- $c = 7.87\text{cm}$

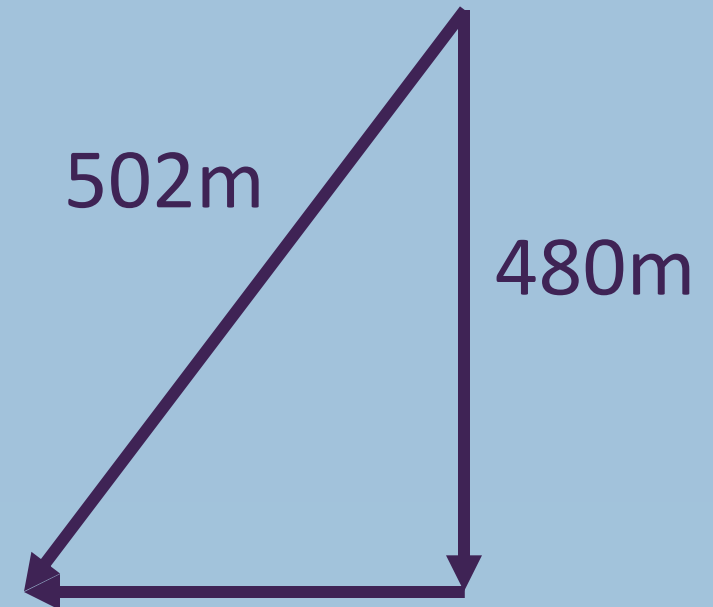
- $? = 5\text{cm}$



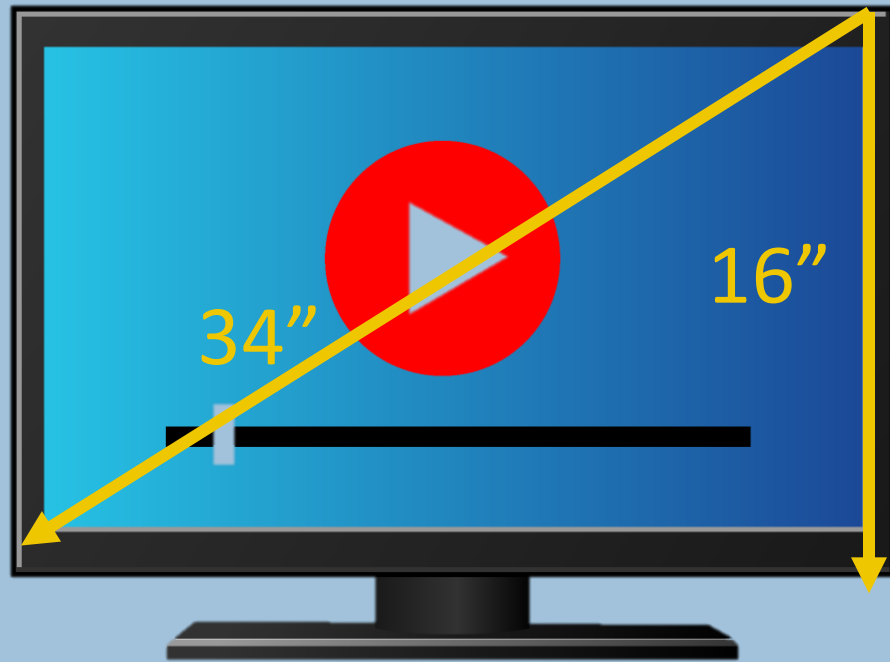
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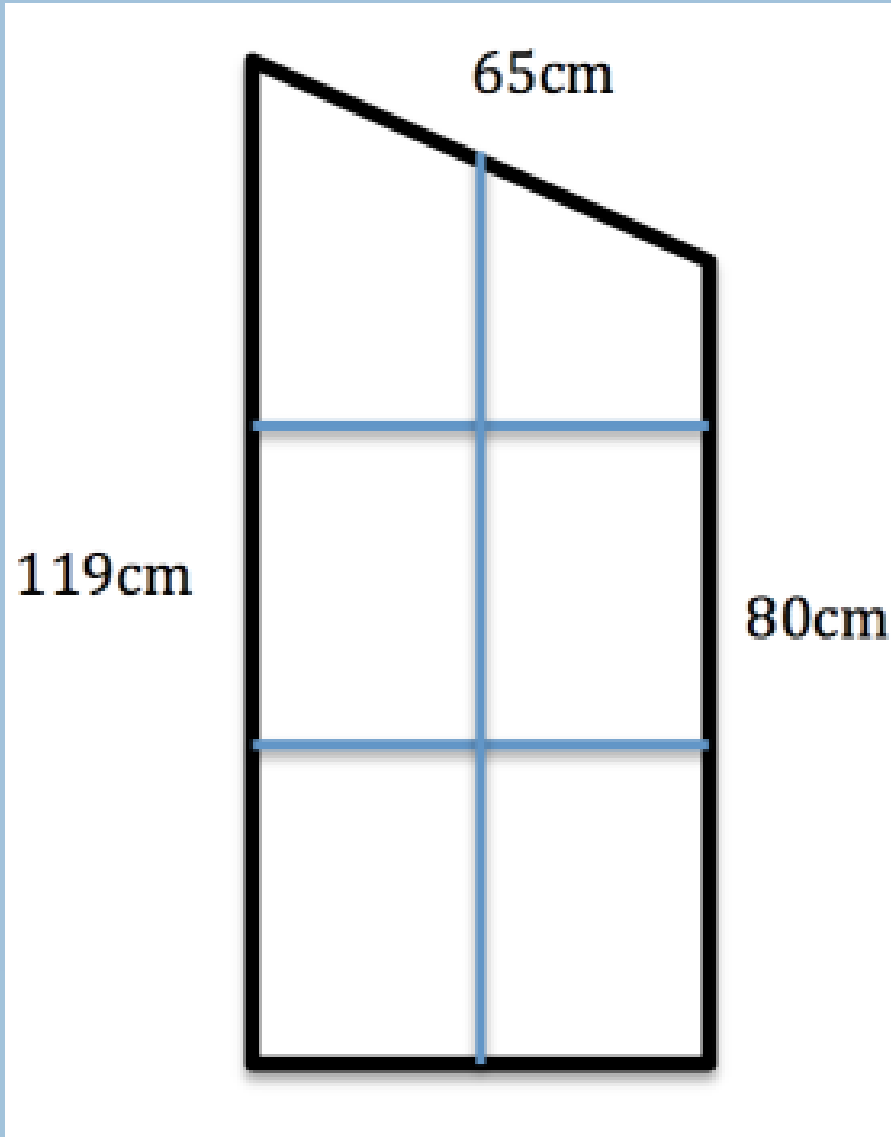


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146.98m

Aisha and her girlfriend are buying a TV. It has a 34 inch screen and is 16 inches tall. Her TV cabinet is 19 inches wide. Will it fit?

TV is 30 inches wide.  
No it will not fit

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52cm

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9m

