

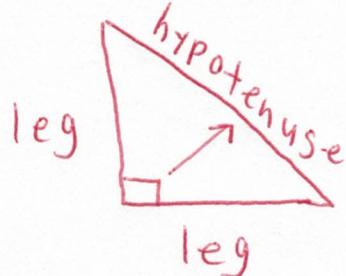
Pythagorean Theorem

UNIT _____ LESSON _____ INVESTIGATION _____ NOTES

Lesson Vocabulary

Pythagorean Theorem - For right triangles ONLY.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \quad a \text{ and } b \text{ are legs, } c \text{ is the hypotenuse}$$



ex.) Find x . Leave answer in simplest radical form.

a)

$$\begin{aligned} 6^2 + 8^2 &= x^2 \\ 36 + 64 &= x^2 \\ \sqrt{100} &= \sqrt{x^2} \\ 10 &= x \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 10^2 &= 12^2 \\ x^2 + 100 &= 144 \\ -100 & \quad -100 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{44} \quad \sqrt{4 \cdot 11} \\ x &= 2\sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 13^2 &= 15^2 \\ x^2 + 169 &= 225 \\ -169 & \quad -169 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{56} \quad \sqrt{4 \cdot 14} \\ x &= 2\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned} 6^2 + 11^2 &= x^2 \\ 36 + 121 &= x^2 \\ \sqrt{157} &= \sqrt{x^2} \\ \sqrt{157} &= x \end{aligned}$$