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Math 8

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The Pythagorean Theorem – Lesson 2

1. Labelling Triangles

Please label the hypotenuse and the legs of the following right triangles with *a*, *b*, and *c*.



2. The Pythagorean Theorem

In a right triangle, the ______ of the areas of the squares attached to the ______ equals the area of the square attached to the ______.

Why is this useful?

The	is one of math's oldest and most famous
formulas. This formula allows u	s to determine any missing side length of a triangle
provided we know sid	le lengths.
The formula is	It can be rearranged in two ways:
1	
2	

For the unknown squares, can you find the area and side length of each square?



3. Examples: Using the Pythagorean Theorem to Find Missing Lengths

Find the unknown length. Represent your answer as a square root and a decimal to one decimal place.

