TOPIC 9-2: PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM & ITS CONVERSE

PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM: The square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the legs.

 $(Hypotenuse)^2 = (Leg)^2 + (Leg)^2$



EXAMPLE 1 Find the value of 'x'.



So in Example 1 - {3, 4, 5} is a Pythagorean Triple...What does that mean?

Name 2 other Pythagorean Triples:

- a) {_____, ____, ____}
- b) {_____, ____, ____}

EXAMPLE 2 Find the value of x in the isosceles trapezoid shown below. (Think Triple!)



But most of the time, we will not have Pythagorean Triples!

Look at the different ways you will work with Pythagorean problems.....

EXAMPLE 3 Find a LEG



EXAMPLE 4 Find the HYPOTENUSE...



(If there is no picture, draw and label a picture first.)

EXAMPLE 5 Find the length of the diagonal of a rectangle with a perimeter of 24 and a length of 8. (The diagonal is the ???)

EXAMPLE 6 From a GRID...

In the diagram below, $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle.



What is the length of \overline{AC} ?

Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem:

If $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$, then a *RIGHT TRIANGLE* is formed.

Determine if a right triangle can be formed.

(a) 5, 12, 4			(b) 6, 7, 8		
YES	or	NO	YES	or	NO

(d) $\sqrt{9}, \sqrt{16}, \sqrt{27}$

YES or NO

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