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Find the missing member of the Pythagorean triple (7,, 25). Answer: 24	What is the length of the legs in a 45°-45°-90° right triangle with hypotenuse of length √2? **Answer: 1**	True or false? The Egyptians used the right triangle for land measurement. Answer: true
Is (8, 15, 17) a Pythagorean triple? Answer: yes	Find the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle if the legs have lengths 1 and 2. **Answer: √5**	Solve the equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ for c . Answer: $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
What is the measure of the two nonright angles in an isosceles right triangle? Answer: 45° and 45°	Using $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, find <i>b</i> if $c = 10$ and $a = 6$. Answer: $b = 8$	A number that is the square of a whole number is called a square. Answer: perfect
Solve the equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ for a . Answer: $q = \sqrt{c^2 + b^2}$	What is the length of the diagonal of a rectangle with sides of lengths 5 and 12? Answer: 13	Is it true that if $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, then $\frac{a^2}{c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} = 1?$ Answer: yes
True or false? Pythagoras lived circa A.D. 500. Answer: false (500 B.C.)	Have the person to your left pick two numbers for the legs of a right triangle. Compute the hypotenuse.	Is (16, 20, 25) a Pythagorean triple? Answer: no
Can an isosceles triangle be a right triangle? Answer: yes	Pythagoras was of what nationality? Answer: Greek	Explain to the rest of the players how a right triangle can be found in each game piece.
ls (7, 8, 11) a Pythagorean triple? Answer: no	How do you spell Pythago- ras?	The Pythagorean theorem is applicable for what type of triangle? Answer: a right triangle

QUESTIONS FOR THE "?" CARDS

What are the lengths of the legs of a 30°-60°-90° triangle with a hypotenuse of length 10? Answer: 5 and $5\sqrt{3}$	If you hiked 3 km west and then 4 km north, how far are you from your starting point? **Answer: 5 km**	The length of the hypotenuse of a 45° - 45° - 90° triangle is $10\sqrt{2}$. What are the lengths of the legs? Answer: 10
The square of the of a right triangle equals the sum of the squares of the lengths of the two legs. **Answer:* hypotenuse**	If the lengths of the legs of a 30°-60°-90° triangle are 8 and 8√3, what is the length of the hypotenuse? **Answer: 16**	If the lengths of a leg and the hypotenuse of a right triangle are 5 and 10, respectively, what is the length of the other leg? **Answer: 5√3**
Find the length of the diagonal of a square to the nearest hundredth if the square's area is 81 cm ² . Answer: 12.72 cm	If the lengths of the legs of a $45^{\circ}-45^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ triangle are 5, what is the length of the hypotenuse? Answer: $5\sqrt{2}$	If the diagonal of a square has length 8, what is the length of a side? Answer: $4\sqrt{2}$

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