PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM

The PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM shows the ralationship between the legs (shorter lengths) and the hypotenuse (longest side) of a right triangle.

A Right triangle has one angle that is 90 degrees. Take a look at the right triangles below to make sure



you undersatand the different sides. This is a right angle triangle.

One angle equals 90 degree, it is shown by a small square



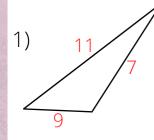
HYPOTENUSE

Its always opposite the right angle, its always the longest side



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

USE THE PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM TO SHOW IF THE TRIANGLE IS A RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLE

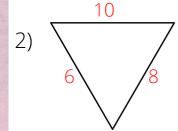


$$a^{2} + b^{2} = c^{2}$$
 $7^{2} + 9^{2} = 11^{2}$

$$(7 \times 7) + (9 \times 9) = (11 \times 11)$$

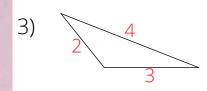
 $130 \neq 121$

This is not right triangle



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This is right triangle



$$a_{2}^{2} + b_{2}^{2} = c_{2}^{2}$$
 $2 + 3 = 4$
 $4 + 9 = 16$

13 ≠ 16

This is not right triangle