Pythagoras' Theorem

When to apply it?



If you have a right-angled triangle.

AND you know the length of two sides in the triangle.

AND you need to find the length of the final side of the triangle.

1.Label your diagram

c is always the hypotenuse (longest side) and it is always opposite the right-angle.

2. Substitute the values. Substitute the given values into the formula.

b

3. Solve Solve for the unknown variable.

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

If you need to find the length of side a or b: $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$