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Module 8	Points, Lines, Angles, and Triangles
Lesson 7	Right Triangles

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Lesson Objectives

- Prove and use the Pythagorean Theorem.
- Use special right triangles to solve real-life problems.

Subtopic 1

The Pythagorean Theorem

In a right triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the ______ is equal to the square of the length of the ______.



A 20-foot ladder is placed against a building, so its base rests 12 feet from the base of the building. How high up the building does the ladder reach?



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Martha hikes from a ranger station eight miles south, then 12 miles west to a camp. To the nearest hundredth of a mile, what is the direct distance between the ranger station and the camp?



A 30-foot wire runs from the top of a telephone pole to a point on the ground eight feet from the base of the pole. What is the height of the telephone pole to the nearest foot?



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Using the Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem

If $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, then the triangle is a ______.

The lengths of the sides of a triangle are seven, 24, and 25 inches. Is this a right triangle?