


**Mathematics 8**  
**Math Makes Sense 8**  
 “Basic Chapter Guide Notes”

**Unit 1 – Square Roots and the Pythagorean Theorem**

- **Square unit** = 

Draw a quadrilateral with 12 square units.

How many different ways can a quadrilateral with 12 units be drawn?

- **Squares, Perfect squares, and Square Roots**

$1^2 = 1$	$\sqrt{1} = 1$	$9^2 = 9 \times 9 = 81$	$\sqrt{81} = 9$
$2^2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$	$\sqrt{4} = 2$	$10^2 = 10 \times 10 = 100$	$\sqrt{100} = 10$
$3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$	$\sqrt{9} = 3$	$11^2 = 11 \times 11 = 121$	$\sqrt{121} = 11$
$4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$	$\sqrt{16} = 4$	$12^2 = 12 \times 12 = 144$	$\sqrt{144} = 12$
$5^2 = 5 \times 5 = 25$	$\sqrt{25} = 5$	$13^2 = 13 \times 13 = 169$	$\sqrt{169} = 13$
$6^2 = 6 \times 6 = 36$	$\sqrt{36} = 6$	$14^2 = 14 \times 14 = 196$	$\sqrt{196} = 14$
$7^2 = 7 \times 7 = 49$	$\sqrt{49} = 7$	$15^2 = 15 \times 15 = 225$	$\sqrt{225} = 15$
$8^2 = 8 \times 8 = 64$	$\sqrt{64} = 8$	...	

1, 4, 9, 16, 25,... are called **square numbers** or **perfect squares**.

\* (The superscript <sup>2</sup>, beside the one, indicates square units)

- The **perimeter** of a square equals four time base (4 x b) or (4 x h).

*Example:* The perimeter of a square with measures of base 5 cm and height 5cm is 20cm.

$$4 \times 5\text{cm} = 20 \quad * 4 \text{ represents the number of sides on a square}$$

$$5\text{cm} + 5\text{cm} + 5\text{cm} + 5\text{cm} = 20\text{cm}$$

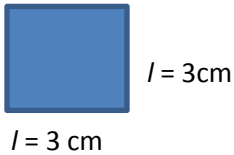
- If the **quotient** of an equation equals the **divisor** then the **dividend** is a square number.

$$\text{Ex.: } 36 \div 6 = 6$$

$$36 \text{ (Dividend)} \div 6 \text{ (Divisor)} = 6 \text{ (Quotient)}$$

- The square root of 36 is 6;  $\sqrt{36} = 6$
- The symbol for square root is  $\sqrt{\quad}$
- Finding square root and square on a calculator (function keys)

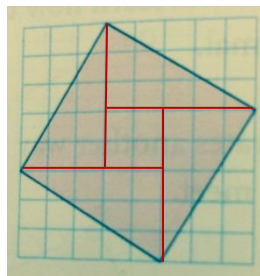
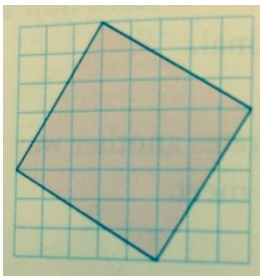
- Area of a square is length squared;  $A = l^2$



$$A = l^2 = 3^2\text{ cm} = 3\text{ cm} \times 3\text{ cm} = 9\text{ cm}^2 \quad * (\text{Remember the area is measured in square units.})$$

When given the area, the side length is  $\sqrt{A}$ ;  $l = \sqrt{A}$

- Find the **area** and **side length** of the square below.



Step 1: Draw the square and triangles

Step 2: Determine the area of the inside square

Step 3: Determine the area of one triangle, then multiple that area by four (4)

Step 4: Add the area of the inside square with the total area of the triangles.

Step 5: Write a statement indicating the total are of the square.

Area of inside Square:

$$A = bh$$

$$b = 2\text{ cm}$$

$$h = 2\text{ cm}$$

$$A = 2\text{ cm} \times 2\text{ cm}$$

$$A = 4\text{ cm}^2$$

Area of Triangle:

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(bh)$$

$$b = 5\text{ cm}$$

$$h = 3\text{ cm}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(5\text{ cm} \times 3\text{ cm})$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(15\text{ cm})$$

$$A = 7.5\text{ cm}^2$$

Area of all the triangles:

$$A = 7.5\text{ cm}^2 \times 4$$

$$A = 28\text{ cm}^2$$

Total Area:

$$A = 4\text{ cm}^2 + 28\text{ cm}^2$$

$$A = 32\text{ cm}^2$$

To find the side length of the square, calculate the square root of the area.

$$l = \sqrt{32}\text{ cm} = 5.65\text{ cm}$$

\* the length of the square's side is 5.65 cm

- The **perimeter** of the square equals the length multiplies by four.

$$5.65\text{ cm} \times 4 = 22.6$$

- Factors and factoring:

$$1 \times 18 = 18 \quad * \text{ (A factor that occurs twice is only written once in the list of factors.)}$$

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$

The factors of 18 are 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 18.

- Numbers arranged from least to greatest are **ascending**

Ex. 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 18

- Numbers arranged from greatest to least are **descending**

Ex. 18, 9, 6, 3, 2 and 1

- Numbers which read the same forward and backward are **palindromic numbers**.

Ex. 242; 5005; 63636; ...

- Finding the area of squares (page 18 and 19)

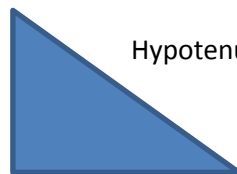
- Activity: Grid paper and ruler.

- Area of the large square is the area of the four triangles  $4(bh/2)$  + the area of the small inner square  $l^2$ .

- The **Pythagorean Theorem**

Triangles

Leg a = 3cm



Hypotenuse c

Leg b = 4cm

a is a **leg** (*opposite*)

b is a leg (*adjacent*)

c is the **hypotenuse**

The measurement of c is calculated using the Pythagorean Theorem.

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$c = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$c = \sqrt{9 + 16}$$

$$c = \sqrt{25}$$

$$c = 5$$

\* The side length of c (the hypotenuse) is 5 cm.

**Verify:**

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

$$3^2 + 4^2 = c^2$$

$$9 + 16 = c^2$$

$$25 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{25} = \sqrt{c^2}$$

$$5 = c$$

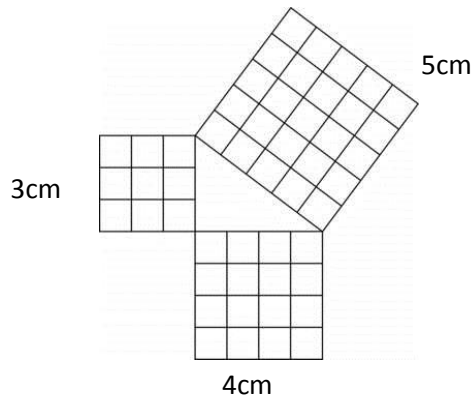
Ex.:

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

$$3^2 + 4^2 = c^2$$

$$9 + 16 = 5^2$$

$$** c = \sqrt{25} ; \text{ or } c = \sqrt{c^2}$$



- Find the measurement of  $l$ .

$$12^2 = l^2 + 9^2$$

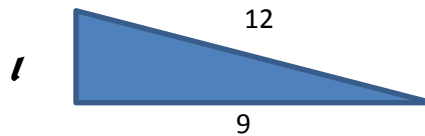
$$144 = l^2 + 81$$

$$144 - 81 = l^2 + 81 - 81$$

$$63 = l^2$$

$$\sqrt{63} = \sqrt{l^2}$$

$$l = 7.9$$



or

$$l = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$$

$$l = \sqrt{12^2 - 9^2}$$

$$l = \sqrt{144 - 81}$$

$$l = \sqrt{63}$$

$$l = 7.9$$

- A set of three whole numbers that satisfies the Pythagorean Theorem is called a **Pythagorean Triple**.

$$3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$$