

Best Practice #2



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• Students will be able to use Pythagoras' Theorem to check if a triangle is right-angled.

	Task: Is this triangle right angled?	9m 17m		
Step 1:	Label the triangle The longest side is ALWAYS the hypotenuse and represented by the letter C	14m 9m 17m C a 14m b		
Step 2:	Substitute the known values into the standard formula	$c^2 = b^2 + a^2$ $c=17 b=14 and a=9$ $17^2 = 14^2 + 9^2$		
Step 3:	Write in factor form then simplify	$17^{2} = 14^{2} + 9^{2}$ $17x17 = 14 \times 14 + 9x9$ $289 = 196 + 81$		
Step 4:	Now add b ² and a ² together	289= 196 + 81 289 = 277		

Step 5:	A right angled triangle will have $c^2 = b^2 + a^2$ or in other words 289=289	289 = 277	289 ≠ 289 therefore this is not a right angle triangle
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