Topic: Pythagoras' Theorem

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Pythagoras' Theorem	For any right angled triangle : $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ Used to find missing lengths . a and b are the shorter sides, c is the	Finding a Shorter Side 10 SUBTRACT! 8 $a = y, b = 8, c = 10$ $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$ $y^2 = 100 - 64$ $y^2 = 36$ $y = 6$
	hypotenuse (longest side).	
2. 3D Pythagoras' Theorem	Find missing lengths by identifying right angled triangles. You will often have to find a missing length you are not asked for before finding the missing length you are asked for.	Can a pencil that is 20cm long fit in a pencil tin with dimensions 12cm, 13cm and 9cm? The pencil tin is in the shape of a cuboid. Hypotenuse of the base = $\sqrt{12^2 + 13^2} = 17.7$
		Diagonal of cuboid = $\sqrt{17.7^2 + 9^2}$ = 19.8 <i>cm</i> No, the pencil cannot fit.