

Worksheet 1 Altitude to the Hypotenuse

Name _____

1) If an altitude is drawn to the hypotenuse of triangle BAN below, then name and redraw the 3 similar triangles created.

leg

$$\frac{AT}{NT} = \frac{BT}{AT}$$

$$AT^2 = (BT)(NT)$$

(alt)² = (part 1)(part 2)

$$\frac{AB}{BN} = \frac{BT}{AB} \rightarrow AB^2 = (BT)(BN)$$

leg² = (close part)(whole hyp)

Find the missing value "x" below:

2)

$$x^2 = 4 \cdot 9$$

$$x = 6$$

3)

$$x^2 = 4(10)$$

$$x = 2\sqrt{10}$$

For 4-6 find the length of the altitude of right triangle PQR.

4)

5)

6)

Find the geometric mean of the following numbers.

7) 5 and 8

$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{x}{8} \Rightarrow x^2 = 40$$

$$x = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

8) 7 and 11

$$x = \sqrt{77}$$

9) 4 and 9

$$x = 6$$

10) 2 and 25

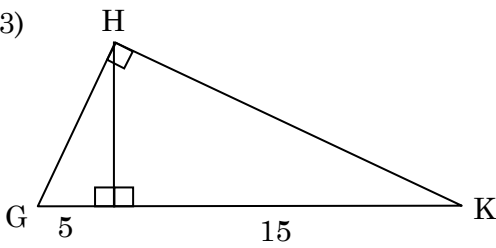
11) 6 and 8

12) 8 and 32

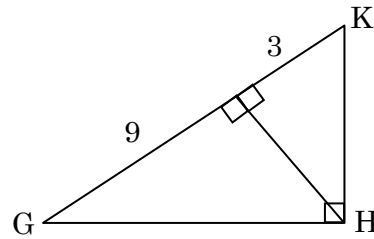
For 7-9 find the length of each leg of right triangle GHK. (find GH and HK)

Hint: find altitude first, then you can do similar triangles or Pythagorean Theorem.

13)



14)



15) How far is it across the lake?

