## Pythagorean Theorem

\*Figures are not drawn to scale\*

Solving for a Missing Side without using angles Determine *BC*.



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

c is the hyp (a and b are adj & opp).

AC is the hyp, so c = 10. I choose to make a = 2 & b = BC.

$$(2)^{2} + (BC)^{2} = (10)^{2}$$

$$4 + (BC)^{2} = 100$$

$$(BC)^{2} = 98$$

$$BC = \sqrt{98}$$

 ${\it Simplify the \ radical} \ \underline{\it as \ much \ as \ you \ can \ (see \ right)}.$ 

$$BC = 7\sqrt{2}$$

Simplifying Radicals

98 anything that 2.49 ← multiplies to 98 7.7 ← multiplies to 49

 $\sqrt{98} = \sqrt{2}$  In a couple, one must sacrifice itself so the get to go out other can be free.

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## **Shortcut for Pythagorean Triples**

If you notice that two of a triangle's sides are in a Pythagorean Triple , then the third side must be the third number. The most commonly used triples are:

3.4.

5, 12, 13

8, 15, 17

7, 24, 25

| 3, 4, 5                         | 5, 12, 13 8, 15, 17           | 7, 24, 25                            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Determine DE.  D 8  F  14    | 2. Determine $HK$ . $K$ 5 $G$ | 3. Determine $MN$ . $L$ $5$ $M$ $N$  |
| 4. Determine <i>QR</i> .  P 3 R | 5. Determine TV.  S 8 T       | 6. Determine BD.  21 9 B D           |
| 7. Determine EF.  E 14  F 12 G  | 8. Determine KL.  H 4 16 K L  | 9. Determine <i>PM</i> .  N 15  6  M |

**Pythagorean Theorem Answers** 

| 1. $DE = 2\sqrt{33}$ | 2. $HK = 5\sqrt{5}$  | 3. MN = 12  | 4. $QR = 3\sqrt{15}$ | $5. TV = 4\sqrt{5}$  |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 6. $BD = 6\sqrt{10}$ | 7. $EF = 2\sqrt{13}$ | 8. $KL = 4$ | <u>15</u>            | 9. $PM = 3\sqrt{21}$ |