Mathematics

## Surds and triangles

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## Try this - Support

List some possible values of $a$ and $b$ in each case


Think about Pythagoras's theorem:
In a right-angled triangle, the sum of the squares of the shorter sides is equal to the square of the hypotenuse.

## Connect

Calculate the lengths of the missing sides in each triangle.
Give the answer in surd form if it the answer is an irrational number..


## Independent task

Calculate the lengths of the missing sides in each triangle. If the answer is an irrational number, leave it in surd form.


## Explore

Tye forms a triangle by joining two right angle triangles.
One has side lengths of 6 cm and 8 cm . What is the third side length?
What could the side lengths of the other triangle be?


What types of triangle can you make by sticking together two right angle triangles?

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