

# Use Sine and Cosine to find a length

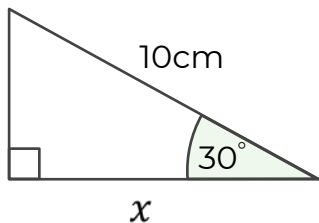
Maths

Miss Davies



# Use Sine and Cosine to find a length

1. Complete the working out to find the length labelled  $x$  to 1 decimal place.



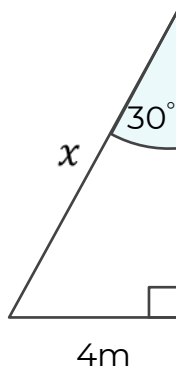
$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos(\square) = \frac{x}{\square}$$

$$\square \times \cos(\square) = x$$

$$\square = x$$

2. Complete the working out to find the length labelled  $x$  to 1 decimal place.



$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin(\square) = \frac{\square}{x}$$

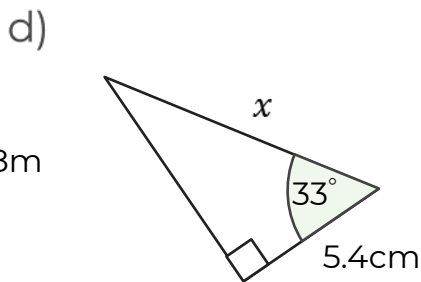
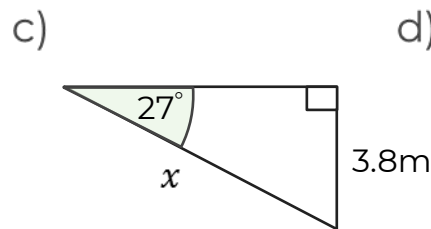
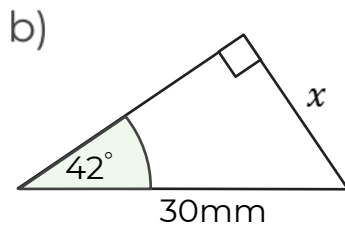
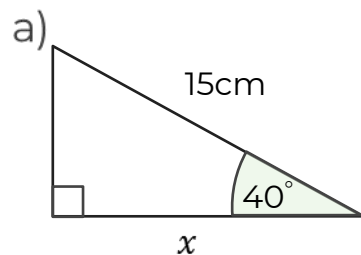
$$x = \frac{4}{\sin(\square)}$$

$$x = \square$$

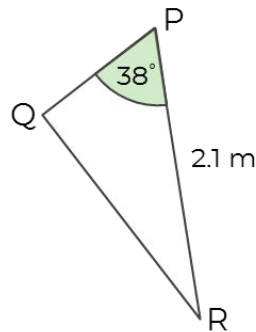


# Use Sine and Cosine to find a length

3. Find the lengths labelled  $x$ .  
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.



4. Spot the mistake.



$$\begin{aligned}\sin(38) &= \frac{PQ}{2.1} \\ 2.1 \times \sin(38) &= PQ \\ 1.29 \text{ m} &= PQ\end{aligned}$$

5. A ladder is placed against a wall.  
The base is 1.6 m from the bottom of the wall, at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the floor.  
What is the length of the ladder?

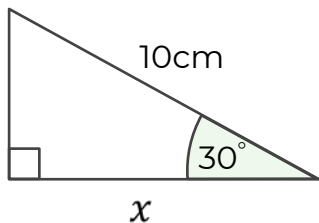


# Answers



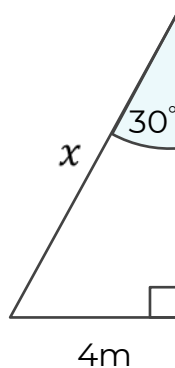
# Use Sine and Cosine to find a length

1. Complete the working out to find the length labelled  $x$  to 1 decimal place.



$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\theta) &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \\ \cos(30) &= \frac{x}{10} \\ 10 \times \cos(30) &= x \\ 8.7\text{cm} &= x\end{aligned}$$

2. Complete the working out to find the length labelled  $x$  to 1 decimal place.

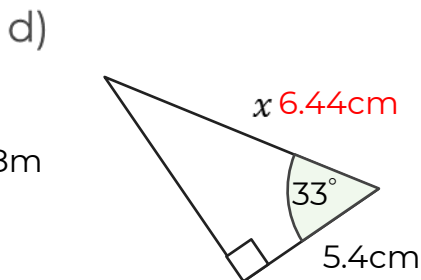
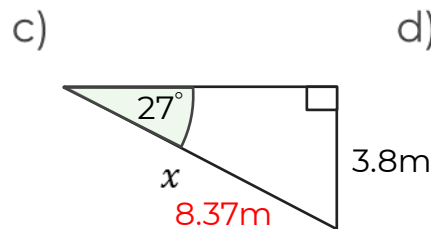
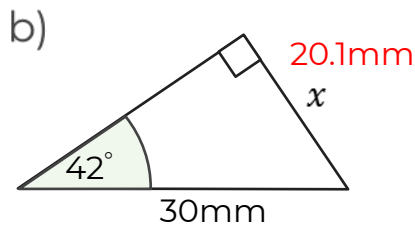
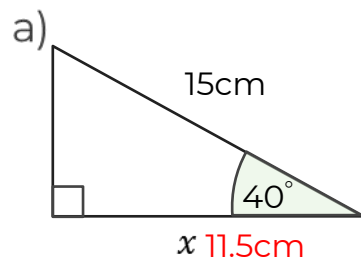


$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\theta) &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \\ \sin(30) &= \frac{4}{x} \\ x &= \frac{4}{\sin(30)} \\ x &= 8\text{m}\end{aligned}$$

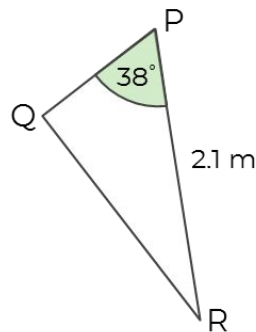


# Use Sine and Cosine to find a length

3. Find the lengths labelled  $x$ .  
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.



4. Spot the mistake.



$$\sin(38) = \frac{PQ}{2.1}$$
$$2.1 \times \sin(38) = PQ$$
$$1.29 \text{ m} = PQ$$

Should have used cosine

5. A ladder is placed against a wall.  
The base is 1.6 m from the bottom of the wall, at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the floor.

What is the length of the ladder? 3.2 m

