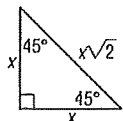


# 8-3 Study Guide and Intervention

## Special Right Triangles

**Properties of 45°-45°-90° Triangles** The sides of a 45°-45°-90° right triangle have a special relationship.

**Example 1** If the leg of a 45°-45°-90° right triangle is  $x$  units, show that the hypotenuse is  $x\sqrt{2}$  units.



Using the Pythagorean Theorem with  $a = b = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ &= x^2 + x^2 \\ &= 2x^2 \\ c &= \sqrt{2x^2} \\ &= x\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

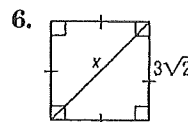
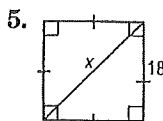
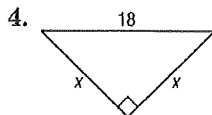
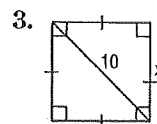
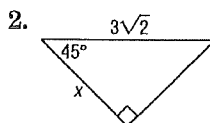
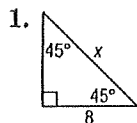
**Example 2** In a 45°-45°-90° right triangle the hypotenuse is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the leg. If the hypotenuse is 6 units, find the length of each leg.

The hypotenuse is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the leg, so divide the length of the hypotenuse by  $\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

### Exercises

Find  $x$ .



- Find the perimeter of a square with diagonal 12 centimeters.
- Find the diagonal of a square with perimeter 20 inches.
- Find the diagonal of a square with perimeter 28 meters.

# 8-3 Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)*

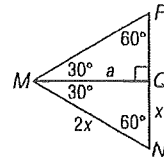
## Special Right Triangles

**Properties of 30°-60°-90° Triangles** The sides of a 30°-60°-90° right triangle also have a special relationship.

**Example 1** In a 30°-60°-90° right triangle, show that the hypotenuse is twice the shorter leg and the longer leg is  $\sqrt{3}$  times the shorter leg.

$\triangle MNQ$  is a 30°-60°-90° right triangle, and the length of the hypotenuse  $MN$  is two times the length of the shorter side  $NQ$ . Using the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (2x)^2 - x^2 \\ &= 4x^2 - x^2 \\ &= 3x^2 \\ a &= \sqrt{3x^2} \\ &= x\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

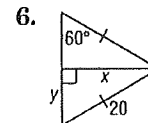
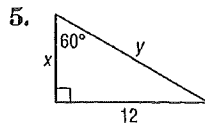
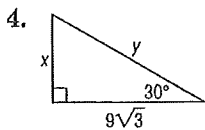
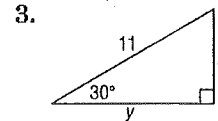
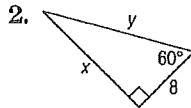
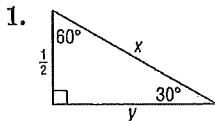


**Example 2** In a 30°-60°-90° right triangle, the hypotenuse is 5 centimeters. Find the lengths of the other two sides of the triangle.

If the hypotenuse of a 30°-60°-90° right triangle is 5 centimeters, then the length of the shorter leg is half of 5 or 2.5 centimeters. The length of the longer leg is  $\sqrt{3}$  times the length of the shorter leg, or  $(2.5)(\sqrt{3})$  centimeters.

### Exercises

Find  $x$  and  $y$ .



- The perimeter of an equilateral triangle is 32 centimeters. Find the length of an altitude of the triangle to the nearest tenth of a centimeter.
- An altitude of an equilateral triangle is 8.3 meters. Find the perimeter of the triangle to the nearest tenth of a meter.