Vocabulary: Distance Formula



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***x***

***y***

**(3, 4)**

* Coordinates – a set of numbers that names the location of a point.
	+ In the two-dimensional coordinate plane, it takes two numbers (*x*, *y*) to specify a location.
	+ The (*x*, *y*) coordinates of a point are called an *ordered pair*.
	+ The coordinates of the point in the figure shown to the right are (3, 4).
* Distance formula – a formula that can be used to find the distance *d* between two points with coordinates (*x*1*, x*2) and (*y*1*, y*2).
	+ The distance formula is *d* = .



* Hypotenuse – the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.
* Pythagorean Theorem – a theorem stating that, for any right triangle, *a*2 + *b*2 = *c*2, where *a* and *b* are the lengths of the legs of the triangle and *c* is the length of the hypotenuse.