

Vocabulary: Pythagorean Theorem



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- Converse – a statement formed by switching the hypothesis and the conclusion of a conditional statement.
 - For example, the converse of the statement, “If it’s a school day, then I get up at 6:00 a.m.,” is, “If I get up at 6:00 a.m., then it’s a school day.”
- Hypotenuse – the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.
 - The hypotenuse is the longest side of a right triangle.
- Legs (of a right triangle) – the two sides of a right triangle that form 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.
- Right triangle – a triangle that contains one right angle.

