## Unit 8.8, Family Resource

## Unit 8 Summary

| Prior Learning | Grade 8, Unit 8 | High School |
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| Grade 6 <br> - Solving problems involving area | - Estimate square and cube roots. | - Rational exponents (e.g., $5^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ) |
| Grades 6 \& 7 | - Understand and use the Pythagorean theorem. | - Solve equations involving roots and exponents. |
| rational numbers <br> Grade 6 | - Approximate irrational numbers using rational numbers. | - Solve right triangles in applied problems. |
| - Converting fractions to decimals using long division |  | - Imaginary numbers |

## Square Roots and Cube Roots

We call the length of the side of a square whose area is $a$ square units $\sqrt{a}$ (pronounced "the square root of $a$ ").
$\sqrt{9}=3$ because $3^{2}=9$.
$\sqrt{16}=4$ because $4^{2}=16$.
$\sqrt{10}$ is between 3 and 4 because 10 is
 between 9 and 16 .

We call the length of the edge of a cube whose volume is $a$ cubic units $\sqrt[3]{a}$ (pronounced "the cube root of $a$ ").
$\sqrt[3]{64}=4$ because $4^{3}=64$.
$\sqrt[3]{70}>4$ because $\sqrt[3]{70}>\sqrt[3]{64}=4$.
$\sqrt[3]{70} \approx 4.12$ because $(4.12)^{3} \approx 69.93 \approx 70$.


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## Pythagorean Theorem

In triangle $D$, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the legs.

This relationship is true for all right triangles.

We can describe this relationship as $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$, where $a$ and $b$ are the lengths of the legs, and $c$ is the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle.



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What can the Pythagorean theorem be used for?

- Deciding if a triangle is a right triangle.
- Calculating one side length of a right triangle if we know the other two side lengths.


## Rational and Irrational Numbers

Rational numbers are numbers that can be written as a fraction of two integers. We call numbers that cannot be written this way irrational numbers.

| Definition <br> A number that cannot be written as a <br> fraction of two integers. | Facts/Characteristics <br> Their decimal representations are <br> neither terminating nor repeating. |  |  |  |
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| $\sqrt{7}$ | $5(\sqrt[3]{15})$ | $\sqrt{9}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ | -5.34 |

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## Try This at Home <br> Square Roots and Cube Roots

1.1 If each grid square represents 1 square unit, what is the area of this titled square?
1.2 What is the side length of this tilted square?

2. Draw a square so that segment $A B$ is along one side of the square.

Exact length of $A B$ : $\qquad$

3. Plot the following numbers on the number line below: $\sqrt{27}, \sqrt[3]{27}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt{5}$


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## Pythagorean Theorem

4.1 Label the hypotenuse of this triangle with the letter $c$.

Then determine its length.

4.3 How long is line segment $p$ ?

4.2 Calculate the length of $k$.

4.4 Is this a right triangle?

Why or why not?


## Rational and Irrational Numbers

5. Write each rational number as a decimal. $\frac{3}{5}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{17}{6}$.
6.1 Write some examples of rational numbers. Try to include examples of numbers that are rational but that someone might think are irrational.
6.2 Write some examples of irrational numbers.

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## Solutions:

1.1 The area of the square is 26 square units.

One way to find the area of a tilted square is to enclose the square in a larger square whose area you do know. The side length of this square is 6 . Its area is $6 \cdot 6=36$ square units.

To find the area of the tilted square, subtract out the areas of the four triangles between the larger

square and the original ( $4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 5=10$ square units).
1.2 The side length of the square is $\sqrt{26}$ units because the square root of the area is the side length of a square.
2. Exact length of $A B$ (as a square root): $\sqrt{50}$ units Area of the large square: $10^{2}=100$ square units Area of the triangles: $4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 5=50$ square units Area of the tilted square: $100-50=50$ square units Side length of the tilted square: $\sqrt{50}$ units

Approximate length of $A B: \sqrt{50}$ is between 7 and
 8 because 50 is between 49 or $7^{2}$ and 64 or $8^{2}$.
3. Plot the following numbers on the number line below: $\sqrt{27}, \sqrt[3]{27}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt{5}$


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4.1 The length of the hypotenuse is $\sqrt{50}$ units.
$a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$
$(5)^{2}+(5)^{2}=c^{2}$
$25+25=c^{2}$
$50=c^{2}$
$c=\sqrt{50}$
4.3 Line segment $p$ is 5 units long. $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$
$(3)^{2}+(4)^{2}=p^{2}$
$9+16=p^{2}$
$25=p^{2}$
$p=5$
4.2 The length of $k$ is 7 units.
$a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$
$(k)^{2}+(24)^{2}=25^{2}$
$k^{2}+576=625$
$k^{2}=49$
$k=7$
4.4 This is not_a right triangle because the Pythagorean theorem is not true.
$9^{2}+12^{2} \neq 14^{2}$
$81+144 \neq 196$
$225 \neq 196$
If the hypotenuse were 15 , the triangle would be a right triangle.
5.

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\begin{aligned}
& \frac{3}{5} \\
& \frac{3}{5}=\frac{6}{10}=0.6
\end{aligned}
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6.1 Responses vary. Some examples: $\frac{3}{5}, 0.16, \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{100}}, \sqrt[3]{8}, 7, .1 \overline{66}$
6.2 Responses vary. Some examples: $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}, \sqrt{8}, \sqrt[3]{16}, 7 \pi, 16 \cdot \sqrt{7}$

