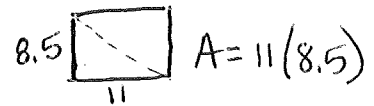


Geometry Lab: Area of a Triangle

1. What is the area of an 8.5" x 11" piece of computer paper?

$$93.5 \text{ in}^2$$

- a. If you were to cut it diagonally, what would be the area of that half sheet of paper?

$$\frac{1}{2}(93.5) = 46.75 \text{ in}^2$$

2. What is the area of a 3" x 5" index card?

$$A = 3(5) = 15 \text{ in}^2$$

- a. If you were to cut this card diagonally and get a triangle, what would be the area of the resulting triangle?

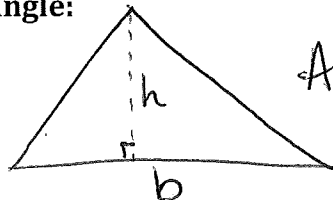
$$\frac{1}{2}(15) = 7.5 \text{ in}^2$$

3. What do you observe happened to the areas when you cut you triangle in each situation?

The area becomes half the original

4. What would be a formula we could use to find the area of any $\triangle ABC$?

$$A = \frac{1}{2}l \cdot w \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

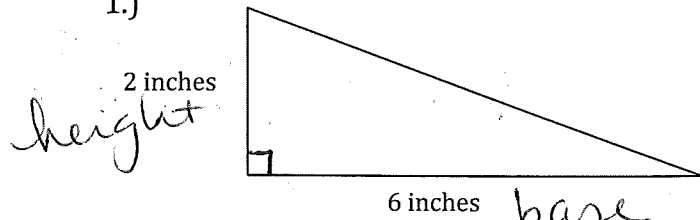
Area of a Triangle:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(\text{base})(\text{height})$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

Examples: Determine the area of the triangles below.

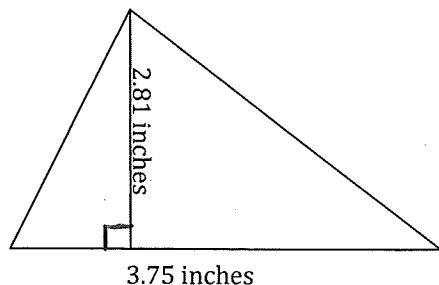
1.)



$$A = \frac{1}{2}(6)(2)$$

$$A = 6 \text{ in}^2$$

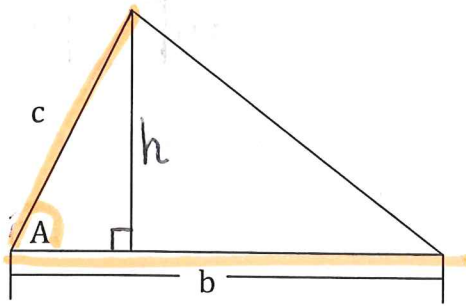
2.)



$$A = \frac{1}{2}(3.75)(2.81)$$

$$= 5.27 \text{ in}^2$$

What happens when we don't know the height?



We know that ... $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

We don't know ... the height

We can say that ... $\sin A = \frac{h}{c}$

So ... $c \cdot \sin A = \frac{h}{1} \cdot 1$

Therefore ... $h = c \cdot \sin A$

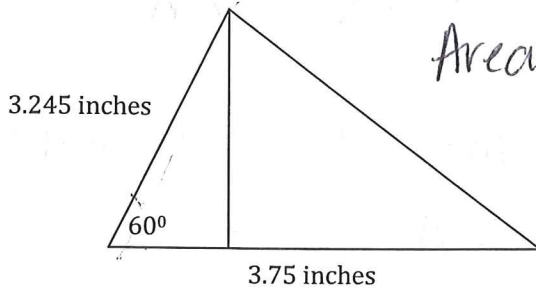
Area of a Triangle:

For any SAS \triangle , we can say

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(b)(c)\sin A$$

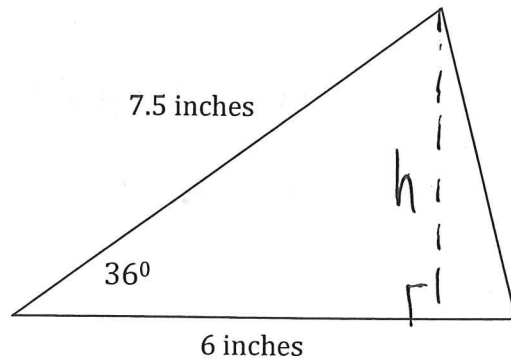
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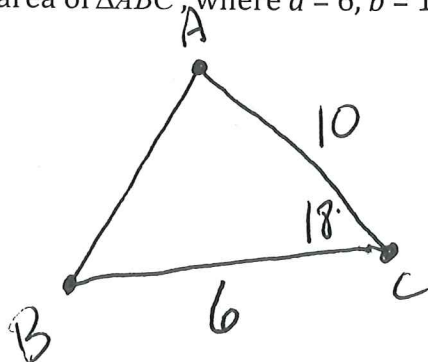
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2}(3.75)(3.245)\sin 60 \\ &= 5.27 \text{ in}^2 \end{aligned}$$

4.)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2}(6)(7.5)\sin 36 \\ &= 13.2 \text{ in}^2 \end{aligned}$$

5.) Find the area of $\triangle ABC$, where $a = 6$, $b = 10$ and $m\angle C = 18$.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2}(6)(10)(\sin 18) \\ &= 9.27 \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Homework: p. 643 Q#10-12, 14, 15, 26, 28, 29, 44-48 & the additional problems below.

Find the area of each triangle below.

1.) $\triangle ABC$, where $b = 5.2$, $c = 3.9$ and $m\angle A = 42$.

2.) $\triangle ABC$, where $a = 11$, $c = 21$ and $m\angle B = 132$.

3.) $\triangle ABC$, where $a = 31.1$, $b = 29.5$ and $m\angle C = 141$.

4.) $\triangle ABC$, where $a = 5$, $b = 8$ and $m\angle C = 67$.

5.) $\triangle ABC$, where $b = 123$, $c = 97$ and $m\angle A = 22$.

6.) $\triangle ABC$, where $a = 6$, $c = 8$ and $m\angle B = 172$.

