**Trigonometry:**

If you want a **side and have 2 sides** = use the Pythagorean Theorem

a2 + b2 = c2  == if you have the two legs(shorter sides) and

ex. 82+ 62= c2

a x 8 64 + 36 = c2

6 =

b 10 = c

c2- b2 = a2 if you have the hypotenuse (c ) ex. 5 52- 42 = b2

4 25 – 16 = b2

x c x =

3 = b

b

If you have **a side and an angle** or **two sides and want an angle** you need to use SOH CAH TOA

1. Label the sides ( H, O and A)
2. Circle what you have and what you want H
3. Choose the formula from SOH CAH TOA O H A
4. Write the formula
5. Plug in what you know A O
6. Rearrange the formula to solve using the rules below

\*\*\*O and A change depending on the

angle used

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| To find the numerator (top) | To find the denominator (bottom) | To find the angle |
| ex. Cos 43 = | ex. Tan 30 = | ex. Sin x = |
| Multiply both sides by the bottom | Switch Tan 30 and x | Divide 2 by 5 |
| 7 x Cos 43 = x | x = | Press shift and sin |
| Calculate == 7 x Cos 43 | Calculate -- 4÷ Tan 30 | \*\* on some calculators you need to press shift SIN(2÷5) |