Annotated Answer Key

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Grade 08, Unit 05, Lesson 05: Well-Known Pythagorean Triples and Their Similar Triangles

1. Use the Pythagorean Theorem to prove that 8, 15, and 17 can be the values for sides of a right triangle.

$$8^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$$

 $64 + 225 = 289$

NOTE: Be sure students can articulate which lengths are legs and which is the hypotenuse.

2. Using a scale factor of 4, write the side lengths of a right triangle that is similar to an 8, 15, 17.

3. Using a scale factor of x, write the side lengths of a right triangle that is similar to an 8, 15, 17

4. Use the Pythagorean Theorem to prove that 35, 120, and 125 can be the values for sides of a right triangle.

$$35^2 + 120^2 = 125^2$$

 $1225 + 14400 = 15625$

5. Reduce 35, 120, and 125 by a common factor to find a similar triangle that is also a right triangle.

6. Create 3 Pythagorean Triples that are similar triangles to a 3, 4, 5, triangle.

answers will vary

NOTE: all answers should show 3x, 4x, 5x