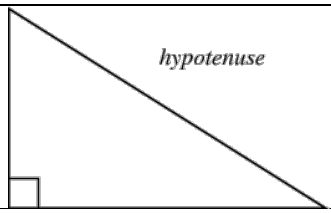
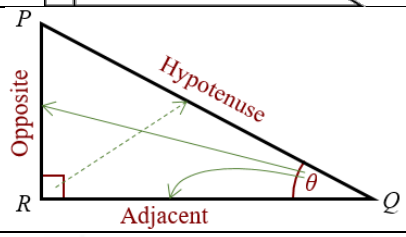
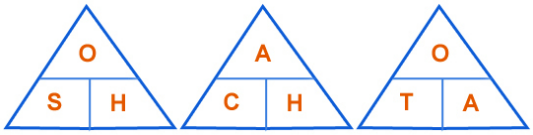
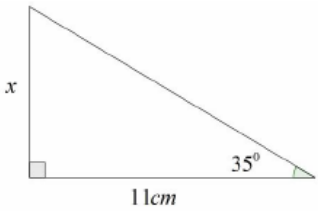
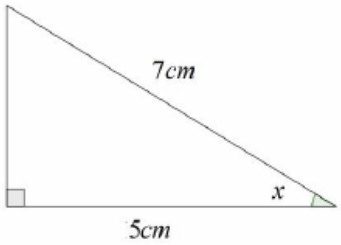
KS3 Unit 44 Trigonometry

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Trigonometry	The **study** of **triangles**.	
2. Hypotenuse	The **longest side** of a **right-angled triangle**. Is always **opposite** the **right angle**.	
3. Adjacent	**Next to**	
4. Trigonometric Formulae	Use **SOHCAHTOA**. $\sin\theta = \frac{O}{H}$ $\cos\theta = \frac{A}{H}$ $\tan\theta = \frac{O}{A}$  When finding a missing angle, use the 'inverse' trigonometric function by pressing the 'shift' button on the calculator.	 Use 'Opposite' and 'Adjacent', so use 'tan' $\tan 35 = \frac{x}{11}$ $x = 11\tan 35 = 7.70cm$  Use 'Adjacent' and 'Hypotenuse', so use 'cos' $\cos x = \frac{5}{7}$ $x = cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right) = 44.4°$