

# PreCalculus

## Lesson 6 **Angles of Elevation and Depression**

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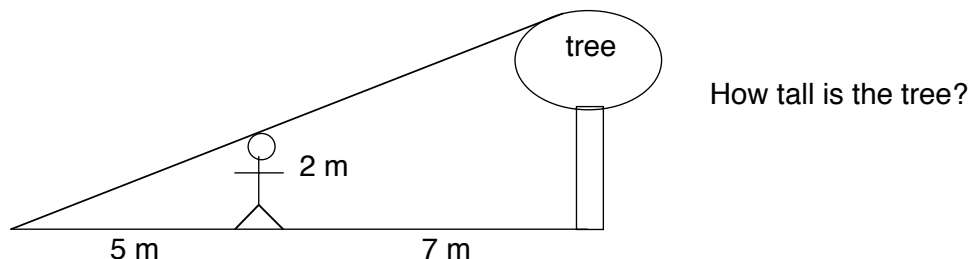
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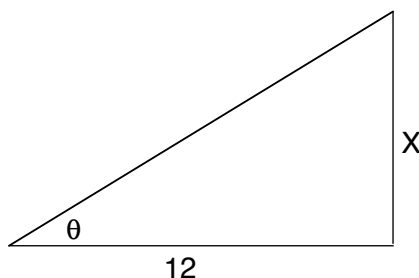
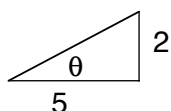


## Instruction Manual: Lesson 6 - Angles of Elevation and Depression

Now we get a chance to apply all of our newly acquired skills in real life applications, otherwise known as word problems. The first section is in elevation and depression problems. I first encountered these in a Boy Scout Handbook many years ago. There was a picture of a tree, a man, and several lines.



Separating the picture into two triangles helps to clarify our ratios.



We could solve this with a proportion (two ratios) as

$$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{X}{12} \text{ and solve for } X.$$

Using our trig. abilities:

in the "man" triangle  $\tan \theta = \frac{2}{5} = .4$

We find that  $\theta = 21.8^\circ$

For the large triangle  $\tan 21.8^\circ = \frac{X}{12}$

$$(12)(.4) = X$$

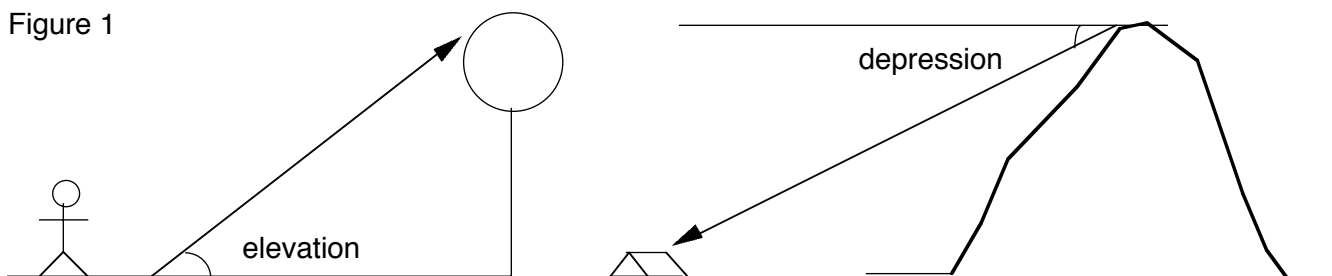
$$4.8 \text{ m} = X$$

The tree is 4.8 metres tall.

One of the key components in being a good problem solver is drawing a picture using all the data given. It turns a one dimensional group of words into a two dimensional picture.

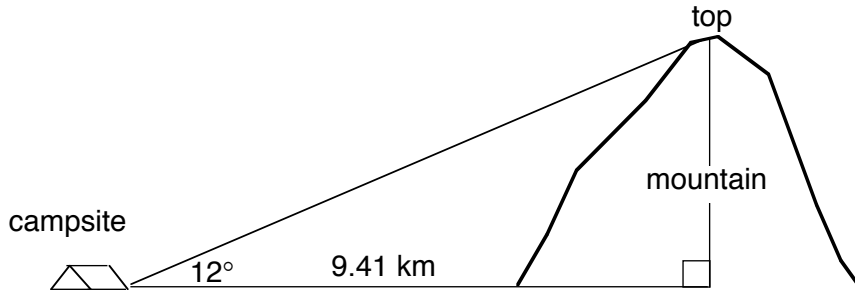
It is pretty obvious by the words themselves that an angle of elevation measures up, and an angle of depression down. Look at Figure 1.

Figure 1



We assume that the line where the angle begins is perfectly flat, or horizontal.

Example 1 A campsite is 9.41 km from a point directly below the mountain top. If the angle of elevation is  $12^\circ$  from the camp to the top of the mountain, how high is the mountain?



You can now see a right triangle, with the side adjacent to the  $12^\circ$  being 9.41 km long. To find the height of the mountain, which is the side opposite the  $12^\circ$  angle, the tangent is the best choice.

$$\tan 12^\circ = \frac{\text{height}}{9.41 \text{ km}}$$

$$(9.41)(\tan 12^\circ) = \text{height}$$

$$(9.41)(.2126) = \text{height}$$

$$2 \text{ km} = \text{height}$$

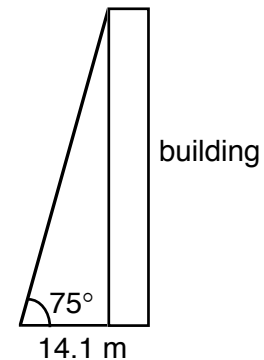
Example 2 At a point 14.1 m from the base of a building, the angle of elevation of the top is  $75^\circ$ . How tall is the building?

$$\tan 75^\circ = \frac{\text{height}}{14.1 \text{ m}}$$

$$(14.1)(\tan 75^\circ) = \text{height}$$

$$(14.1)(3.7321) = \text{height}$$

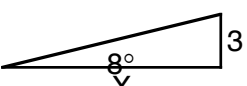
$$52.62 \text{ m} = \text{height of building}$$

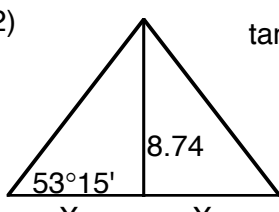


### Practice Problems

- How far from the door must a ramp begin in order to rise 3 metres with an  $8^\circ$  angle of elevation?
- An A-frame cabin is 8.74 metres high at the center and the angle the floor makes with the base is  $53^\circ 15'$ . How wide is the base?

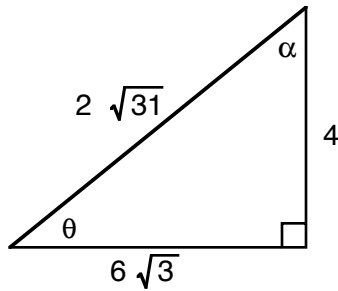
### Solutions

1)   $\tan 8^\circ = \frac{3}{X}$   
 $X \tan 8^\circ = 3$   
 $X = \frac{3}{\tan 8^\circ}$   
 $X = \frac{3}{.1405}$   
 $X = 21.35 \text{ m}$

2)   $\tan 53.25^\circ = \frac{8.74}{X}$   
 $X = \frac{8.74}{\tan 53.25^\circ}$   
 $X = \frac{8.74}{1.3392}$   
 $X = 6.53 \quad 2X = 13.06 \text{ m}$

## Student Text: Lesson Practice 6A

- 1) Isaac's camp is 1 760 metres from a point directly beneath Mt. Monadnock. What is the hiking distance along the ridge if the angle of elevation is  $25^\circ 16'$ ?
- 2) How many metres higher is the top of the mountain than his campsite?



Express as a fraction.

3)  $\csc \theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

6)  $\csc \alpha =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4)  $\sec \theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

7)  $\sec \alpha =$  \_\_\_\_\_

5)  $\cot \theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

8)  $\cot \alpha =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta =$

12)  $\sin \alpha =$

10)  $\cos \theta =$

13)  $\cos \alpha =$

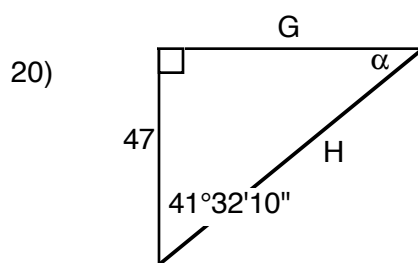
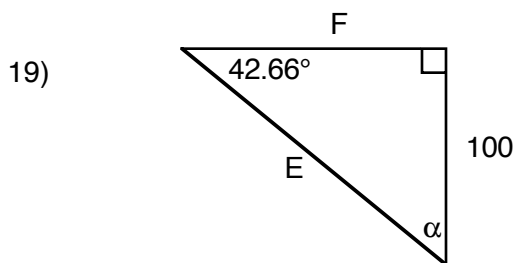
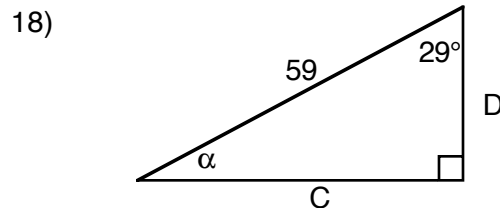
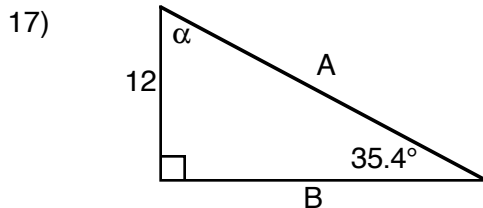
11)  $\tan \theta =$

14)  $\tan \alpha =$

15) Use your answers in no. 9-11 to find the measure of  $\theta$ .

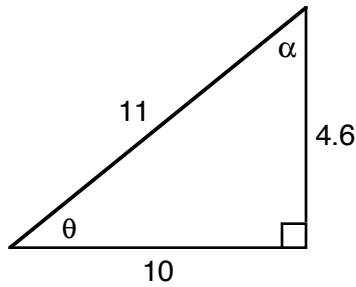
16) Use your answers in no. 12-14 to find the measure of  $\alpha$ .

*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*



## Student Text: Lesson Practice 6B

- 1) The side of a lake has a uniform angle of elevation of  $15^{\circ}30'$ . How far up the side of the lake does the water rise if, during the flood season, the height of the lake increases by 2.4 metres?
- 2) A building casts a shadow of 110 metres. If the angle of elevation from that point to the top of the building is  $29^{\circ}3'$ , find the height of the building.



Express as a fraction.

3)  $\csc \theta = \text{---}$

6)  $\csc \alpha = \text{---}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \text{---}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \text{---}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \text{---}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \text{---}$

Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta =$

12)  $\sin \alpha =$

10)  $\cos \theta =$

13)  $\cos \alpha =$

11)  $\tan \theta =$

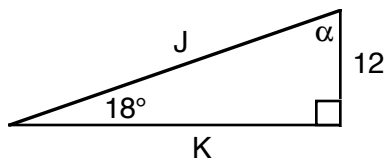
14)  $\tan \alpha =$

15) Use your answers in no. 9-11 to find the measure of  $\theta$ .

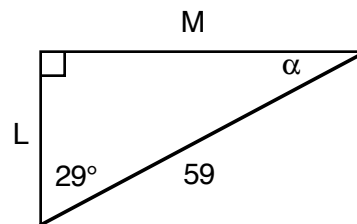
16) Use your answers in no. 12-14 to find the measure of  $\alpha$ .

*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*

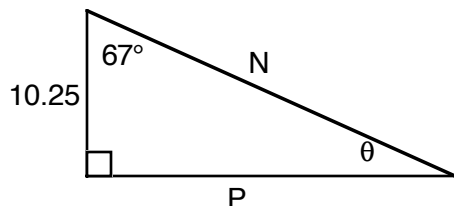
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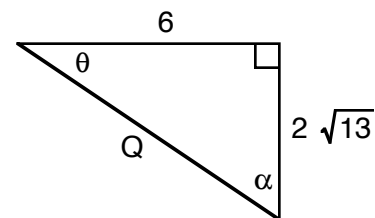
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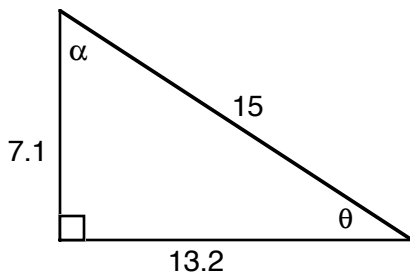


20)



## Student Text: Lesson Practice 6C

- 1) From a point 40 metres from the base of a church, the angles of elevation of the top of the building and the top of a cross on the building are  $38^\circ$  and  $43^\circ$  respectively. Find the height to the top of the cross. (The ground is flat.)
- 2) Find the height of the building as well as the height of the cross itself.



Express as a fraction.

3)  $\csc \theta = \text{---}$

6)  $\csc \alpha = \text{---}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \text{---}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \text{---}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \text{---}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \text{---}$

Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta =$

12)  $\sin \alpha =$

10)  $\cos \theta =$

13)  $\cos \alpha =$

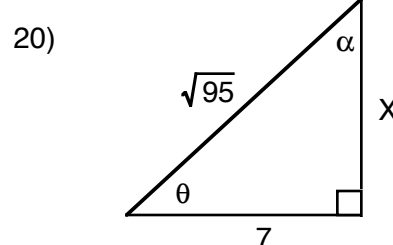
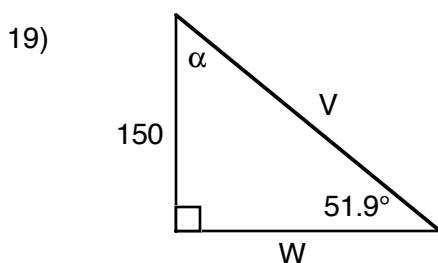
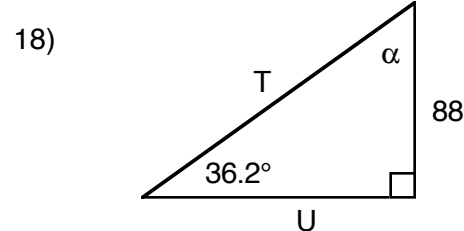
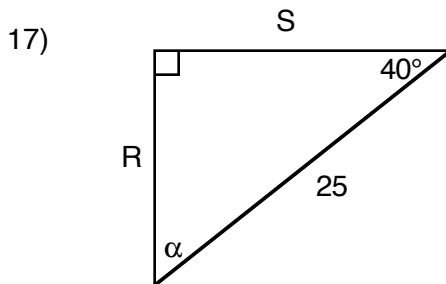
11)  $\tan \theta =$

14)  $\tan \alpha =$

15) Use your answers in no. 9-11 to find the measure of  $\theta$ . They may vary slightly.

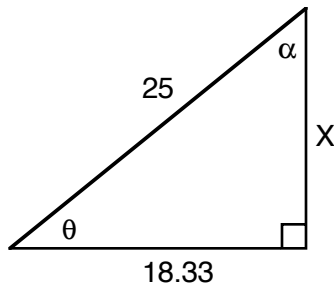
16) Use your answers in no. 12-14 to find the measure of  $\alpha$ . They may vary slightly.

*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*



## Student Text: Lesson Practice 6D

- 1) A campsite is 20.6 kilometres from a point directly below Mt. Adams. If the angle of elevation is  $15.5^\circ$  from the camp to the top of the mountain, how high is the mountain?
- 2) At a point 20.2 metres from the base of a building, the angle of elevation from that point to the top is  $64.75^\circ$ . How tall is the building?



Express as a fraction. First find X.

3)  $\csc \theta = \text{---}$

6)  $\csc \alpha = \text{---}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \text{---}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \text{---}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \text{---}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \text{---}$

Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta =$

12)  $\sin \alpha =$

10)  $\cos \theta =$

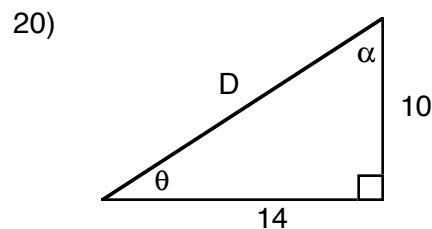
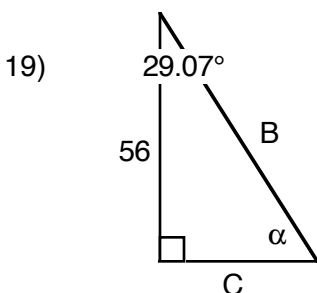
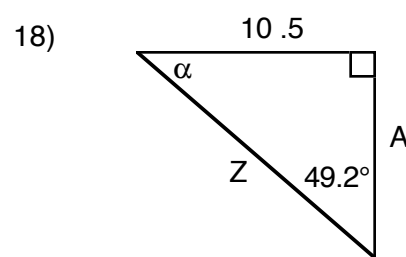
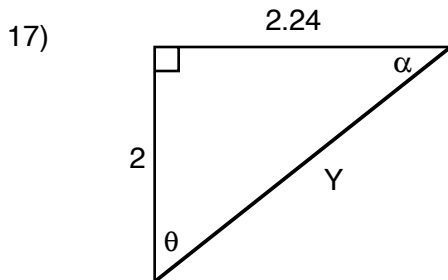
13)  $\cos \alpha =$

11)  $\tan \theta =$

14)  $\tan \alpha =$

- 15) Use your answers in no. 9-11 to find the measure of  $\theta$ .
- 16) Use your answers in no. 12-14 to find the measure of  $\alpha$ .

*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*



## Test Booklet: Lesson 6 Test

Use for questions 1-4: Devan stands 926 m from a point directly below the peak of a mountain. The angle of elevation between him and the top of the mountain is  $42^\circ$ .

- 1) Which equation can be used to find the height of the mountain (X)?
- A)  $\sin 42^\circ = \frac{X}{926}$       B)  $\tan 42^\circ = \frac{926}{X}$   
C)  $\cos 48^\circ = \frac{926}{X}$       D)  $\tan 42^\circ = \frac{X}{926}$
- 2) What is the height of the mountain?
- A) 833.8 m      B) 1028.4 m  
C) 619.6 m      D) 1383.9 m
- 3) A tower 50 m high is built on top of the mountain. What is the angle of elevation from Devan's position to the top of the tower? (round decimal degrees to tenths)
- A)  $40^\circ 14' 44''$       B)  $43^\circ 42'$   
C)  $57^\circ 15'$       D)  $46^\circ 20' 08''$
- 4) If a bird flew from Devan's position to the top of the mountain, how many metres would it travel?
- A) 408.4 m      B) 1246.1 m  
C) 1383.9 m      D) 1280 m

Use for questions 5-8: From a point 80 m from the base of a building to the top of the building the angle of elevation is  $51^\circ$ . From the same point to the top of a flag staff on the building the angle of elevation is  $54^\circ$ .

- 5) What equation can be used to find the combined height (Y) of building and flagpole?
- A)  $Y = 80 \tan 51^\circ$       B)  $Y = 80 \sin 54^\circ$   
C)  $Y = 80 \tan 54^\circ$       D)  $Y = \frac{\tan 51^\circ}{80}$
- 6) What is the height of the building alone?
- A) 98.8 m      B) 110.1 m  
C) 64.8 m      D) 58.1 m
- 7) What is the height of the flagpole alone?
- A) 15.1 m      B) 45.3 m  
C) 4.2 m      D) 11.3 m

- 8) How long must a cable be in order to stretch from the observation point to the top of the building?
- A) 102.9 m      B) 127.1 m  
C) 136.1 m      D) 50.3 m

Use for questions 9-10: A car traveled a distance of 100 metres up a ramp to a bridge. The angle of elevation of the ramp was  $10^\circ$ .

- 9) How high was the bridge above road level?
- A) 17.4 m      B) 98.5 m  
C) 10 m      D) 100 m
- 10) What is the actual distance from the start of the ramp to the base of the bridge?
- A) 575 m      B) 98.5 m  
C) 89.4 m      D) 17.4 m

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- 11)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$  is the ratio for
- A)  $\cos 45^\circ$       B)  $\cos 30^\circ$   
C)  $\tan 60^\circ$       D)  $\tan 30^\circ$

- 12)  $\text{Arcsin } .8192 =$
- A) 1.22      B)  $35^\circ$   
C)  $55^\circ$       D) .9999

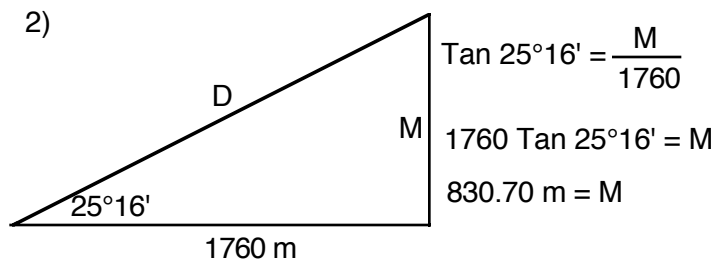
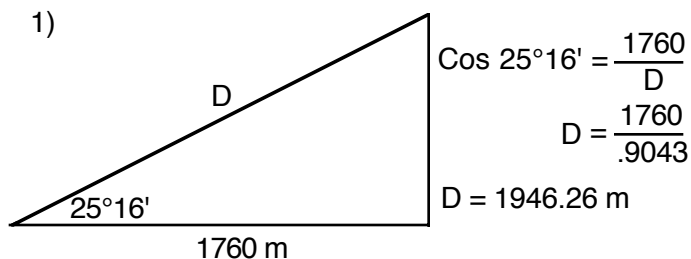
- 13)  $46^\circ 21' 02'' =$
- A)  $46.21^\circ$       B)  $46.12^\circ$   
C)  $46.35^\circ$       D)  $46.4^\circ$

- 14)  $\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$  is equal to
- A)  $\tan \alpha$       B)  $\cot \alpha$   
C)  $\sec \alpha$       D)  $\csc \alpha$

- 15)  $\frac{1}{\cos \alpha}$  is equal to
- A)  $\csc \alpha$       B)  $\sec \alpha$   
C)  $\sin \alpha$       D)  $\cos \alpha$



## Solutions: Lesson 6A



Express as a fraction.

3)  $\csc \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{31}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{31}}{2}$

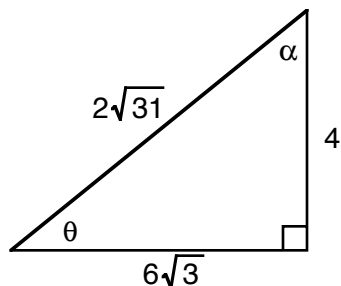
6)  $\csc \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{93}}{9}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{31}}{6\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{93}}{9}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{31}}{2}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$



Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{31}} = .3592$

12)  $\sin \alpha = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{31}} = .9333$

10)  $\cos \theta = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{31}} = .9333$

13)  $\cos \alpha = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{31}} = .3592$

11)  $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{6\sqrt{3}} = .3849$

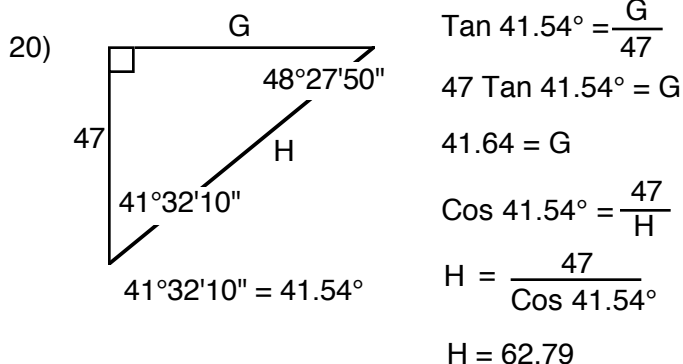
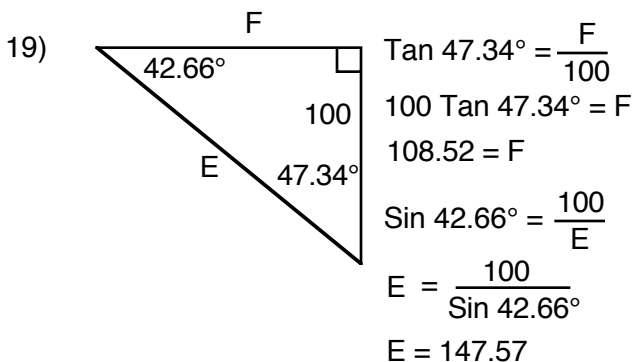
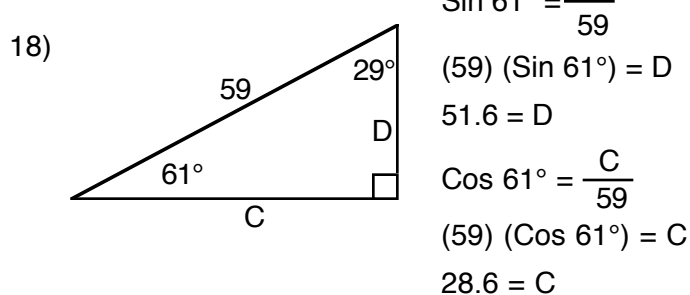
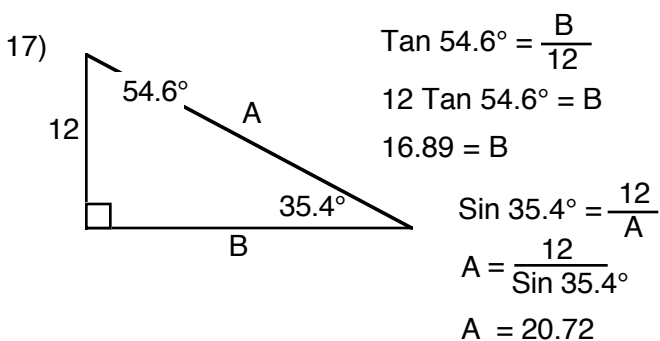
14)  $\tan \alpha = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{4} = 2.5981$

Answers to 15 and 16 may vary slightly.

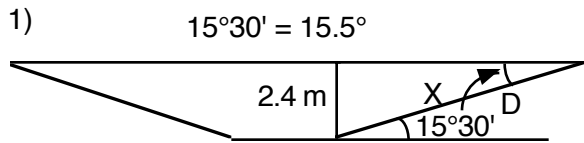
15) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $21.05^\circ$ .

16) The measure of  $\alpha$  is  $68.95^\circ$ .

Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.



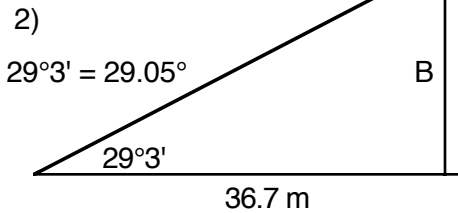
## Solutions: Lesson 6B



$$\sin 15.5 = \frac{2.4}{X}$$

$$X = \frac{2.4}{\sin 15.5}$$

$$X = 8.98 \text{ m}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \tan 29.05^{\circ} &= \frac{B}{36.7} \\ 36.7 (\tan 29.05^{\circ}) &= B \\ 20.39 \text{ m} &= B \end{aligned}$$

Express as a fraction.

3)  $\csc \theta = \frac{11}{4.6}$

6)  $\csc \alpha = \frac{11}{10}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \frac{11}{10}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \frac{11}{4.6}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \frac{10}{4.6}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \frac{4.6}{10}$

Express as a decimal.

9)  $\sin \theta = \frac{4.6}{11} = .4182$

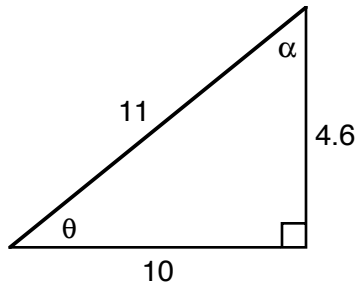
12)  $\sin \alpha = \frac{10}{11} = .9091$

10)  $\cos \theta = \frac{10}{11} = .9091$

13)  $\cos \alpha = \frac{4.6}{11} = .4182$

11)  $\tan \theta = \frac{4.6}{10} = .46$

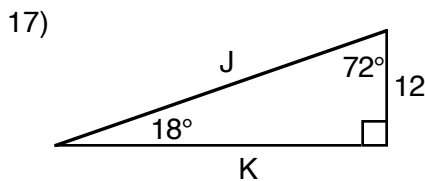
14)  $\tan \alpha = \frac{10}{4.6} = 2.1739$



15) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $24.7^{\circ}$ .

16) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $65.3^{\circ}$ .

Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.

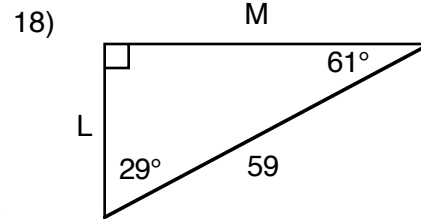


$$\tan 72^{\circ} = \frac{K}{12}$$

$$12 \tan 72^{\circ} = 36.93$$

$$\sin 18^{\circ} = \frac{12}{J}$$

$$J = \frac{12}{\sin 18^{\circ}} = 38.83$$

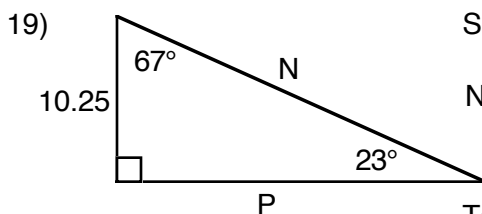


$$\sin 29^{\circ} = \frac{M}{59}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 59 \sin 29^{\circ} &= M \\ 28.6 &= M \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos 29^{\circ} = \frac{L}{59}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 59 \cos 29^{\circ} &= L \\ 51.6 &= L \end{aligned}$$

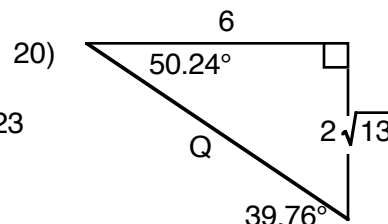


$$\sin 23^{\circ} = \frac{10.25}{N}$$

$$N = \frac{10.25}{\sin 23^{\circ}} = 26.23$$

$$\tan 67^{\circ} = \frac{P}{10.25}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10.25 \tan 67^{\circ} &= P \\ 24.15 &= P \end{aligned}$$



$$2\sqrt{13} = 7.2111$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{7.2111}{6}$$

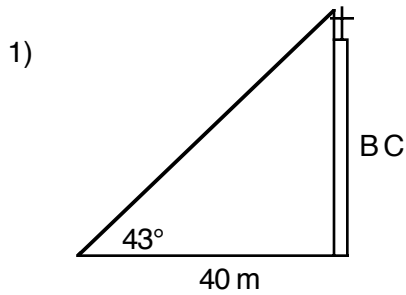
$$\arctan \theta = 1.202$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 50.24^{\circ} \\ \alpha &= 39.76^{\circ} \end{aligned}$$

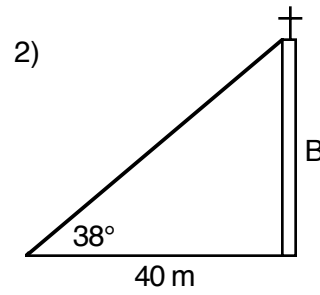
$$(2\sqrt{13})^2 + (6)^2 = Q^2$$

$$2\sqrt{22} = Q^2$$

## Solutions: Lesson 6C



$$\begin{aligned}\tan 43^\circ &= \frac{BC}{40} \\ BC &= 40 \tan 43^\circ \\ BC &= 37.30 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\tan 38^\circ &= \frac{B}{40} \\ B &= 40 \tan 38^\circ \\ B &= 31.25 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$37.30 - 31.25 = 6.05 \text{ m}$$

*Express as a fraction.*

3)  $\csc \theta = \frac{15}{7.1}$

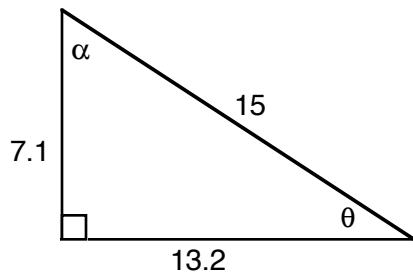
6)  $\csc \alpha = \frac{15}{13.2}$

4)  $\sec \theta = \frac{15}{13.2}$

7)  $\sec \alpha = \frac{15}{7.1}$

5)  $\cot \theta = \frac{13.2}{7.1}$

8)  $\cot \alpha = \frac{7.1}{13.2}$



*Express as a decimal.*

9)  $\sin \theta = \frac{7.1}{15} = .4733$

12)  $\sin \alpha = \frac{13.2}{15} = .8800$

10)  $\cos \theta = \frac{13.2}{15} = .8800$

13)  $\cos \alpha = \frac{7.1}{15} = .4733$

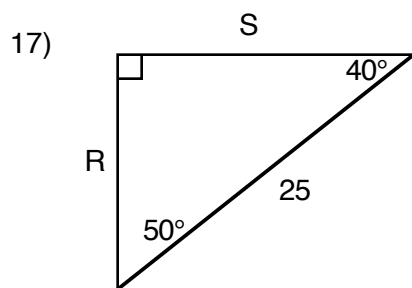
11)  $\tan \theta = \frac{7.1}{13.2} = .5379$

14)  $\tan \alpha = \frac{13.2}{7.1} = 1.8592$

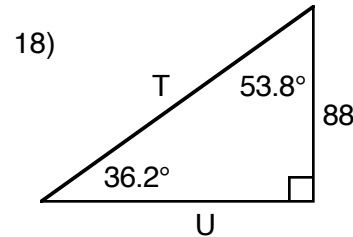
15) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $28.25^\circ$ .

16) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $61.75^\circ$ .

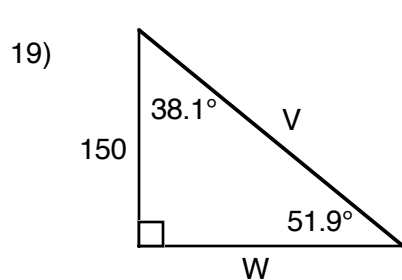
*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*



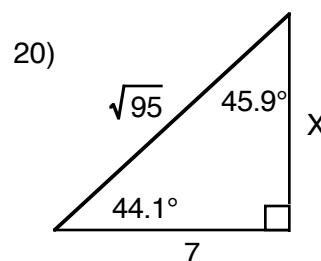
$$\begin{aligned}\sin 40^\circ &= \frac{R}{25} \\ 25 \sin 40^\circ &= R \\ R &= 16.07 \\ \cos 40^\circ &= \frac{S}{25} \\ 25 \cos 40^\circ &= S \\ S &= 19.15\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\tan 53.8^\circ &= \frac{U}{88} \\ 88 \tan 53.8^\circ &= U \\ U &= 120.24 \\ \sin 36.2^\circ &= \frac{88}{T} \\ T &= \frac{88}{\sin 36.2^\circ} \\ T &= 149.00\end{aligned}$$

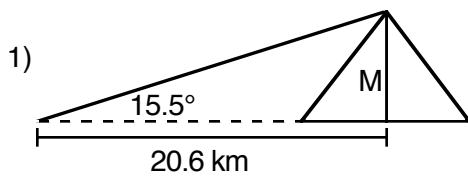


$$\begin{aligned}\tan 38.1^\circ &= \frac{W}{150} \\ 150 \tan 38.1^\circ &= W \\ W &= 117.62 \\ \sin 51.9^\circ &= \frac{150}{V} \\ V &= \frac{150}{\sin 51.9^\circ} \\ V &= 190.61\end{aligned}$$



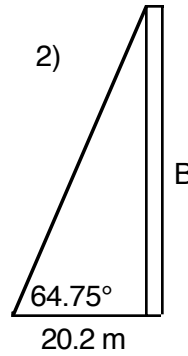
$$\begin{aligned}7^2 + X^2 &= (\sqrt{95})^2 \\ 49 + X^2 &= 95 \\ X &= 46 \\ X &= \sqrt{46} \text{ or } 6.78 \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{6.78}{7} \\ \arctan .97 &= 44.1 \\ \alpha &= 90 - 44.1 = 45.9^\circ\end{aligned}$$

## Solutions: Lesson 6D



$$\tan 15.5^\circ = \frac{M}{20.6}$$

$$M = 5.71 \text{ km}$$



$$\tan 64.75^\circ = \frac{B}{20.2}$$

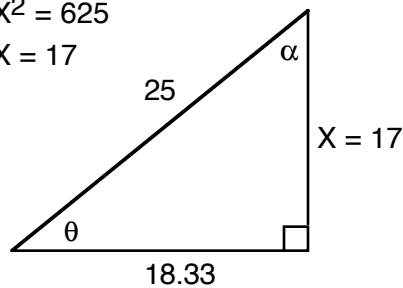
$$B = 42.8 \text{ m}$$

$$(18.33)^2 + X^2 = 25^2$$

$$336 + X^2 = 625$$

$$X^2 = 625$$

$$X = 17$$



*Express as a fraction.*

$$3) \csc \theta = \frac{25}{17}$$

$$4) \sec \theta = \frac{25}{18.33}$$

$$5) \cot \theta = \frac{18.33}{17}$$

$$6) \csc \alpha = \frac{25}{18.33}$$

$$7) \sec \alpha = \frac{25}{17}$$

$$8) \cot \alpha = \frac{17}{18.33}$$

*Express as a decimal.*

$$9) \sin \theta = \frac{17}{25} = .6800$$

$$10) \cos \theta = \frac{18.33}{25} = .7332$$

$$11) \tan \theta = \frac{17}{18.33} = .9274$$

$$12) \sin \alpha = \frac{18.33}{25} = .7332$$

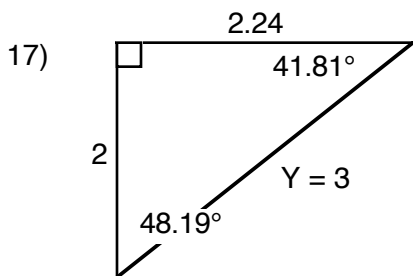
$$13) \cos \alpha = \frac{17}{25} = .6800$$

$$14) \tan \alpha = \frac{18.33}{17} = 1.0782$$

15) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $42.84^\circ$ .

16) The measure of  $\theta$  is  $47.16^\circ$ .

*Solve for the lengths of the sides and the measures of the angles.*



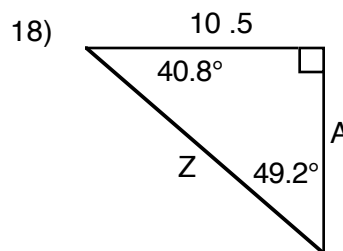
$$2^2 + (2.24)^2 = Y^2$$

$$3 = Y$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2}{3} = .6667$$

$$\arccos .6667 = 48.19^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 90 - 48.19 = 41.81^\circ$$



$$\tan 40.8^\circ = \frac{A}{10.5}$$

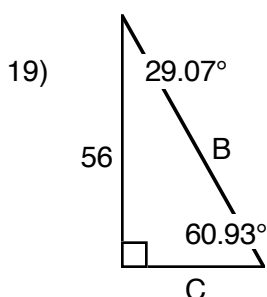
$$10.5 \tan 40.8^\circ = A$$

$$9.06 = A$$

$$\sin 49.2^\circ = \frac{10.5}{Z}$$

$$Z = \frac{10.5}{\sin 49.2^\circ}$$

$$Z = 13.87$$



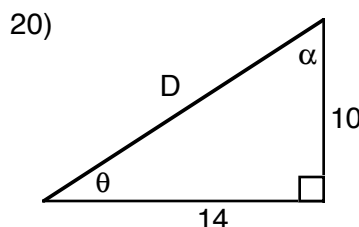
$$\tan 29.07^\circ = \frac{C}{56}$$

$$56 \tan 29.07^\circ = C$$

$$31.13 = C$$

$$(56)^2 + (31.13)^2 = B^2$$

$$64.07 = B$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{10}{14}$$

$$\arctan .7143 = 35.54^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 90 - 35.54 = 54.46^\circ$$

$$10^2 + 14^2 = D^2$$

$$17.2 = D$$

## Solutions: Lesson 6 Test

### Test 6

- 1) D:  $\tan 42^\circ = \frac{X}{926}$
- 2) A:  $926 \times \tan 42^\circ = 926 (.9004) = 833.8$  m
- 3) B:  $\tan \theta = \frac{883.8}{926} = .9544$   
 $\theta = 43.7^\circ$   
.7° × 60 = 42'; so 43° 42'
- 4) B:  $926^2 + 883.8^2 =$   
 $857,476 + 781,102 = 1,638,578$   
 $\sqrt{1,638,578} = 1,280$  m
- 5) C:  $\tan 54^\circ = \frac{Y}{80}$ ;  
 $Y = 80 \tan 54^\circ$
- 6) A:  $\tan 51^\circ = \frac{B}{80}$ ; B = 98.8 m
- 7) D:  $Y = 80 \tan 54^\circ$ ;  
 $Y = 110.1$  (complete distance);  
 $110.1 - 98.8 = 11.3$  m
- 8) B:  $80^2 + 98.8^2 = 6,400 + 9,761 = 16,161$   
 $\sqrt{16,161} = 127.1$  m
- 9) A:  $\sin 10^\circ = \frac{Y}{100}$ ; Y = 17.4 m
- 10) B:  $\sin 80^\circ = \frac{X}{100}$ ; X = 98.5 m
- 11) D:  $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$
- 12) C:  $\arcsin .8192 = 55^\circ$
- 13) C:  $\frac{2}{60} = .03$ ;  $\frac{21.03}{60} = .35$ ;  
 $46 + .36 = 46.35^\circ$
- 14) A
- 15) B

## Honors Booklet (Extra Practice): Lesson 6

Here are some more applications of trig functions. In some of these you may need to find a missing side, and, in others, a missing angle.

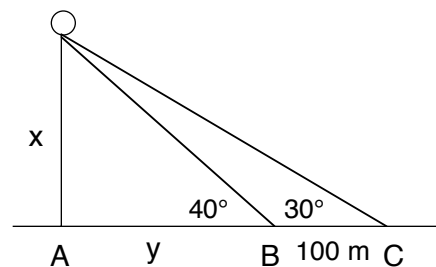
*Use the skills you have learned so far to answer the questions. Always begin by making a drawing and labelling the known information.*

- 1) If a girl 1.6 metres tall stands on level ground, and the elevation of the sun is  $60^\circ$  above the horizon, what will the length of her shadow be?
- 2) If the girl in no. 1 casts a shadow that is 1 metre long, what is the elevation of the sun?
- 3) A stairway forms an angle with the floor from which it rises. This angle may be called the angle of inclination. What is the angle of inclination of a stairway if the steps have a tread of 20 centimetres and a rise of 16 centimetres?

*Some problems require more of your algebra skills. The first one is done for you.*

- 4) An observation balloon is attached to the ground at point A. On a level with A and in the same straight line, the points B and C were chosen so that BC equals 100 metres. From the points B and C the angle of elevation of the balloon is  $40^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively. Find the height of the balloon.

First, make a drawing. We do not have enough information to find X using either the angle at B or the angle at C. However, we can make two equations using X and Y.



$$\tan 40^\circ = \frac{X}{Y} \qquad \tan 30^\circ = \frac{X}{Y + 100}$$

$$.8391 = \frac{X}{Y} \qquad .5774 = \frac{X}{Y + 100}$$

$$X = .8391 Y \qquad .5774 = \frac{.8391 Y}{Y + 100}$$

$$.5774(Y + 100) = .8391 Y \Rightarrow .5774 Y + 57.74 = .8391 Y$$

$$57.74 = .2617 Y \Rightarrow Y = 220.6 \text{ (rounded)}$$

$$X = .8391 (220.6) = 185.1 \text{ m}$$

Replace tan with actual ratio.

Solve first equation for X and substitute for X in second equation.

Solve for Y.

Solve for X, which is the height of the balloon.

- 5) Tom wished to find the width of a river. He observed a tree directly across the river on the bank. The angle of elevation to the top of the tree was  $32^\circ$ . Then Tom moved directly back from the bank 50 metres and found that the angle of elevation to the top of the tree was  $21^\circ$ . What was the width of the river?
- 6) In the side of a hill that slopes upward at an angle of  $32^\circ$ , a tunnel is bored sloping downward at an angle of  $12^\circ 15'$  from the horizontal. How far below the surface of the hill is a point 38 metres down the tunnel?

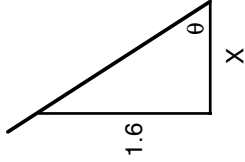
# Honors Booklet (Extra Practice) Solutions: Lesson 6

Lesson 6

1)  $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{1.6}{X}$

$1.7321 = \frac{1.6}{X}$

$1.7321X = 1.6$   
 $X = .9237 \text{ m}$



2)  $\tan \theta = \frac{1.6}{1} = 1.6$

$\theta \approx 58^\circ$

3)  $\tan \theta = \frac{16}{20}$

$\tan \theta = .8000$

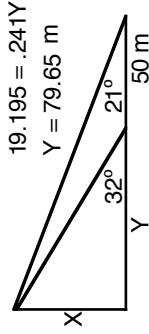
$\theta = 38.7^\circ$

4) done

5)  $\tan 32^\circ = \frac{X}{Y}$        $\tan 21^\circ = \frac{X}{Y + 50}$

$.6249 = \frac{X}{Y}$                $.3839 = \frac{.6249Y}{Y + 50}$

$X = .6249Y$        $(Y + 50)(.3839) = .6249Y$   
 $.3839Y + 19.195 = .6249Y$



$19.195 = .241Y$   
 $Y = 79.65 \text{ m}$

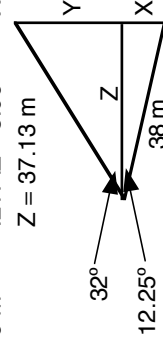
6)  $12^\circ 15' = 12.25^\circ$

$\sin 12.25^\circ = \frac{Y}{38}$        $\tan 12.25^\circ = \frac{8.06}{Z}$        $\tan 32^\circ = \frac{X}{37.13}$

$.2122 = \frac{Y}{38}$                $.2171 = \frac{8.06}{Z}$                $.6249 = \frac{X}{37.13}$

$Y = 8.06 \text{ m}$                $.2171Z = 8.06$                $X = 23.20 \text{ m}$

$Z = 37.13 \text{ m}$



$X + Y = 23.20 + 8.06 = 31.26 \text{ m}$

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