

Geometry - 7.3 - Special Right Triangles

45°-45°-90° Triangles	30°-60°-90° Triangle
<p style="text-align: center;">Ratio 1:1:√2 ↑ ↑ ↑ leg leg hyp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ratio 1:√3:2 ↑ ↑ ↑ short long hyp</p>

Ex 1 - Find x and y.

a)

$x = 6$
 $y = 6 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

b)

$x = 2 \cdot 17$
 $x = 34$
 $y = 17 \cdot \sqrt{3}$

c)

$x = 8\sqrt{2}$
 $y = 8\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}$
 $= 8 \cdot \sqrt{4}$
 $= 8 \cdot 2$
 $= 16$

d)

$x = \frac{12}{2}$
 $x = 6$
 $y = 6 \cdot \sqrt{3}$

e)

$x = \frac{20}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$x = 10\sqrt{2}$
 $y = 10\sqrt{2}$

f)

$x = \frac{18}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{18\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}}$
 $\frac{18\sqrt{3}}{3} = 6\sqrt{3}$
 $x = 6\sqrt{3}$
 $y = 6\sqrt{3} \cdot 2 = 12\sqrt{3}$

Ex 2 - Triangle DAY is a 30° - 60° - 90° triangle with right angle A. \overline{AY} is the longer leg with endpoints A(-4, -2) and Y(5, -2). Locate point D in Quadrant II.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{long leg} &= \frac{9 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}} \\ &= \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{3} = 3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(-4, -2 + 3\sqrt{3}) \\ \approx (-4, 3.20) \end{aligned}$$

