Exploring Relationships in

Right Triangles

**Measurement**

**Unit 1 Line Master 2a**

**Each person:**

1. Draw a right triangle on 0.5-cm grid paper. Label sides *a*, *b*, and *c*, where *c* is the *hypotenuse*, the side opposite the right angle.

2. Measure the length of the hypotenuse. Record the measures   
of the three side lengths in the table below.

3. Draw a square on each side of the triangle. Determine the area   
of each square in square centimetres. Record the measures   
in the table.

**As a group:**

4. Complete the table.

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| **Group member** | **Length, side *a*** | **Length, side *b*** | **Length, side *c*** | **Area,  *a*2** | **Area, *b*2** | **Area,**  ***c*2** |
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5. What patterns or relationships do you notice?

Exploring Relationships in

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 (Accommodation)

**Measurement**

**Unit 1 Line Master 2b**

**Each person:**

1. Draw one of the right triangles described in the table on   
0.5-cm grid paper. Label sides *a*, *b*, and *c*, where *c* is the *hypotenuse*, the side opposite the right angle.

2. On another piece of 0.5 cm grid paper, draw a square   
with each side length, *a*, *b*, and *c*. Cut out each square   
and attach them to the sides of the triangle. Determine the   
area of each square. Record the measures in the table.

**As a group:**

3. Complete the table.

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| **Group member** | **Length, side *a*** | **Length, side *b*** | **Length, side *c*** | **Area,  *a*2** | **Area, *b*2** | **Area,**  ***c*2** |
| 1 | 6 | 8 | 10 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 5 | 12 | 13 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 2.5 | 6 | 6.5 |  |  |  |

4. What patterns or relationships do you notice?