Geometry **8.3 Trigonometry** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Objective***: to use the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios to find the side lengths in right triangles.*

S O H C A H T O A =

**S**ine = **O**pposite/**H**ypotenuse, **C**osine = **A**djacent/ **H**ypotenuse, **T**angent = **O**pposite/**A**djacent

*To investigate Trigonometry, let’s first look at what we already know about right triangles…*

* Are all right triangles similar? Why?
* If you know that 2 right triangles each have an angle that is 42o, then are the 2 triangles similar? How do you know?
* If 2 right triangles are similar, then what do we know about the ratios of their sides?

**The ratios of the corresponding sides of similar right triangles are called the TRIGONOMETRIC RATIOS.**



1. Use the diagram to right the trig. ratios for each. Leave your answers as fractions.

**\*\*Tip\*\***always find your hypotenuse and label that FIRST!!



Example: sin G = 

1. sin T = \_\_\_\_\_\_ b) cos G = \_\_\_\_\_\_ c) cos T = \_\_\_\_\_\_

d) tan T = \_\_\_\_\_\_ e) tan G = \_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*Notice\*\*you will NOT be asked to find the sine, cosine, or tangent of the right angle…only the 2 acute angles in the triangle.***

***To solve for the missing sides of a triangle using trigonometry;***

1. Label the hypotenuse with “hyp” or a capital “H”
2. Locate the ‘angle of interest’ *(Which angle is going to help us in this problem?)*
3. From the viewpoint of THAT angle, label the side opposite it with “opp” or capital “O” and label the side adjacent to it “adj” or capital “A” *(remember the hypotenuse is already labeled, you can’t label it again!)*
4. **Decide whether you will be using SIN, COS, or TAN**
5. Write a proportion in the form…

*this is just a sample…remember to use sin, cos, or tan…whichever is appropriate for the given* *problem.*

ex. sin 32o = x (opp)\_ 🡪

1. 43 (hyp)
2. Solve the proportion by cross-multiplying and solving algebraically.

**Let’s try these**: You will need to find the trig. buttons on your calculator.

1.  2. 3.

Proportion: Proportion: Proportion:

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x = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***To solve for a missing angle of a triangle using trigonometry;***

Follow steps #1-4 above. Your ‘x’ is going to be where the angle measure goes.

Step 5) Write an equation in the form… sin x = (opp)

6) Then you will need to use the **“inverse button”**  before the trig buttons on your calculator, then enter the fraction that you have set up in your equation.

**Let’s try these**;

4. 5.

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*Use sine, cosine, or tangent to find the missing side length or angle measure “x”;*

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| 1)Equation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 2) Proportion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3) Proportion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  | 4)Equation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5)Proportion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 6)Proportion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   X = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |