## Trigonometric Ratios - Applications

Warm up - Solve for the variable in each diagram below.


## Today we look at simple applications (word problems) using the skills above.

It is important to understand the difference between angle of elevation and angle of depression. Sketch them below.

Example 1 - To measure the height of a tree, Mr. Elliott stands exactly 60 feet from the base of the tree. Using a clinometer he measures the angle of elevation to the top of the tree to be $42^{\circ}$. How tall is the tree?


Example 2 - Find the area and perimeter of the triangle shown below.


20 cm

## Example 3

Two boats leave a harbor at the same time. When travels directly North at a speed of $25 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. The other travels directly East at a speed of $30 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$.
a) How far apart are the boats after 3.5 hours?
b) Suppose that the first boat breaks down. What direction will the second boat need to go to rescue the first boat? How long will it take to get to it?

## SOH CAH TOA - Applications

1. The top of a lighthouse is 100 m above sea level. The angle of elevation from the deck of a boat to the top of the lighthouse is $28^{\circ}$. Calculate the distance between the sailboat and the lighthouse.
2. Text page 349 \#3-11
3. Find the distance between points $C$ and $D$ in the diagram below.

4. Find the area of the triangle below.


13 feet
5. Challenging Question! A circular Ferris wheel has a radius of 8 m and rotates at a rate of $12^{\circ}$ per second. At zero seconds a seat is at its lowest point which is 2 m above the ground. How high above the ground is this seat at 40 seconds?

## ANSWERS

1. approx. 188 m
2. approx.. 0.9 m
3. 42.6 square feet
4. 14 m
