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In each triangle, M, N, and P are the midpoints of the sides. Name a segment parallel to the one given.





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7) Find VX





10) Find HI





Solve for x.

9) Find KL



## Similar Right Triangles





## **Solving Right Triangles**





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(a) A lady who is 66 inches tall casts a shadow of 72 inches. If she is 48 inches away from a light pole, then how tall is the light pole?  $\frac{\chi}{120} = \frac{44}{72} \qquad 72\chi = 7920$  $\chi = 110$ 

Ans: The light pole is (10 inches tall.

A 6 foot tall man elicits an 8 foot shadow. If the man is 64 feet away from the lighthouse, then how tall is the lighthouse?

$$\frac{9}{8} = \frac{x}{72}$$
  $8x = 432$   
 $x = 54$ 

Ans: The lighthouse is 54 feet tall.

(B) Two sunbathers lie on opposite ends of a 15 foot tall tiki statue. Their angles of elevation to the top of the tiki are complementary. If the right sunbather is 9 feet away from the tiki, then how far from the tiki is the left sunbather?

$$\frac{1}{15} = \frac{15}{9} = 9X = 225$$
  
X=25

Ans: The left sunbather is 25 feet away from the tiki.

(9) Two surfers lie on opposite ends of a 60 foot tall coconut tree. Their angles of elevation to the top of the tree are complementary. If the left surfer is 40 feet away from the tree, then how far from the tree is the right surfer?

$$\frac{40}{60} = \frac{60}{x} \qquad 40x = 3600 \\ x = 90$$

Ans: The right surfer is <u>90</u> feet away from the tree.

(1) A 25 foot ladder is 15 feet away from a building. A brace extends from the point where the building meets the ground to the ladder. How long is the brace?

Ans: The brace is 
$$\frac{9}{15}$$
 feet long.





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