Lesson plan from Chat GPT

Write a direct instruction lesson on how to calculate using the Pythagorean theorem

Objective: Students will be able to use the Pythagorean theorem to calculate the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle.

Materials:

* Calculator
* Pencil and paper

Directions:

1. Review the definitions of the terms in the Pythagorean theorem:

* Hypotenuse: the longest side of a right triangle, opposite the right angle
* Leg: either of the two shorter sides of a right triangle

1. Write the Pythagorean theorem on the board or hand out a copy to each student: a^2 + b^2 = c^2
2. Ask students to identify which side of the triangle is represented by each letter in the equation.
3. Demonstrate how to use the theorem to find the length of the hypotenuse.

* Select a right triangle and label the legs as "a" and "b" and the hypotenuse as "c".
* Plug the values for a and b into the equation, substituting the correct values for each letter.
* Solve for c by performing the necessary calculations.

1. Have students work in pairs to solve for the hypotenuse of a variety of right triangles, using the theorem and their calculators.
2. As a class, review any errors or difficulties students had in calculating the hypotenuse.
3. Assign a worksheet or problem set for additional practice using the Pythagorean theorem.
4. Have students complete a brief exit ticket, summarizing the steps for using the theorem to calculate the hypotenuse of a right triangle.