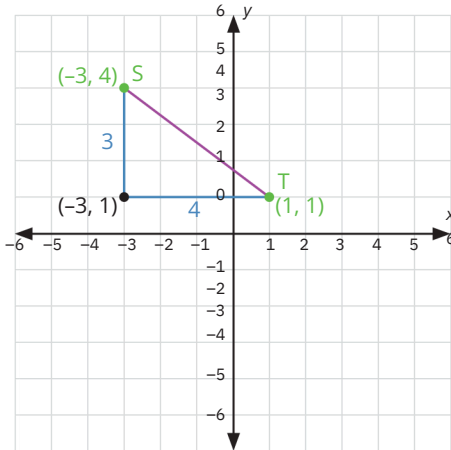


# FIND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS

You can use the Pythagorean theorem to find the distance between two points on the coordinate plane.

**Let's try it!** Find the distance between points *S* and *T*.



- First, draw a right triangle with a **hypotenuse** that connects *S* and *T*.
- Next, find the length of each **leg**. To find the length of the horizontal leg, find the absolute value of the difference of the x-coordinates of the endpoints on that leg:

$$|-3 - 1| = |-4| = 4$$

- To find the length of the vertical leg, find the absolute value of the difference of the y-coordinates of the endpoints on that leg:
- $|4 - 1| = |3| = 3$  You can check the lengths you got above by counting the horizontal and vertical distances on the coordinate plane.

Finally, use the Pythagorean theorem,  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , to solve for the length of the hypotenuse. Let  $a = 4$  and  $b = 3$ .

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$4^2 + 3^2 = c^2$$

$$16 + 9 = c^2$$

$$25 = c^2$$

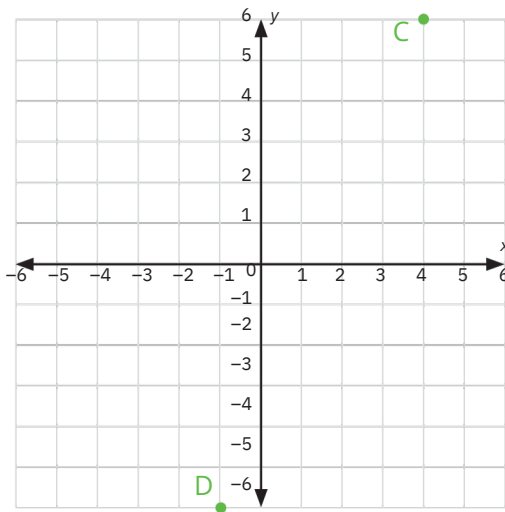
$$\sqrt{25} = \sqrt{c^2}$$

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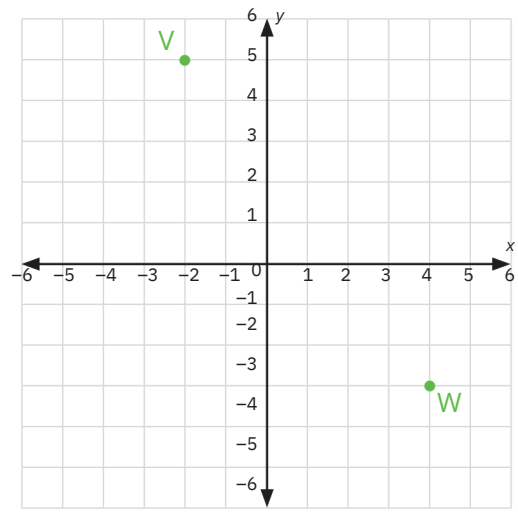
$$5 = c$$

The length of the hypotenuse is the distance between points *S* and *T*. So, the distance between the points is 5 units.

**Try it yourself!** Use the Pythagorean theorem to find the distance between each pair of points.



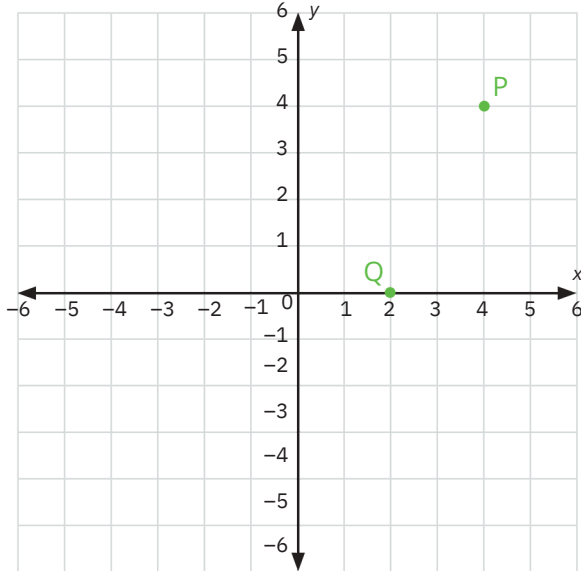
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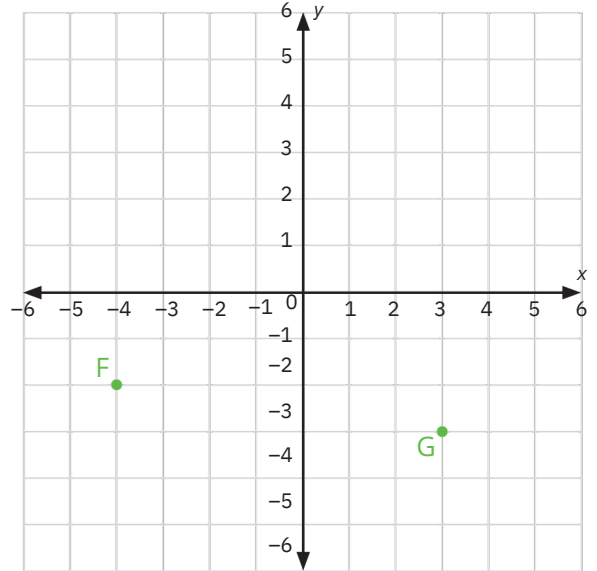
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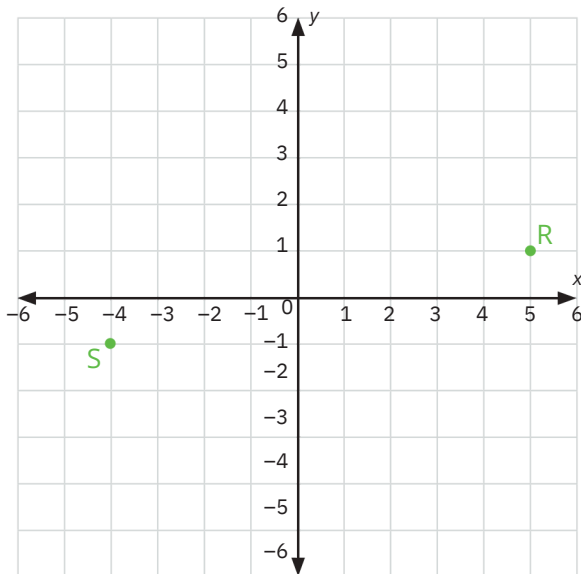
**Keep going!** Use the Pythagorean theorem to find the distance between each pair of points. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth if needed.



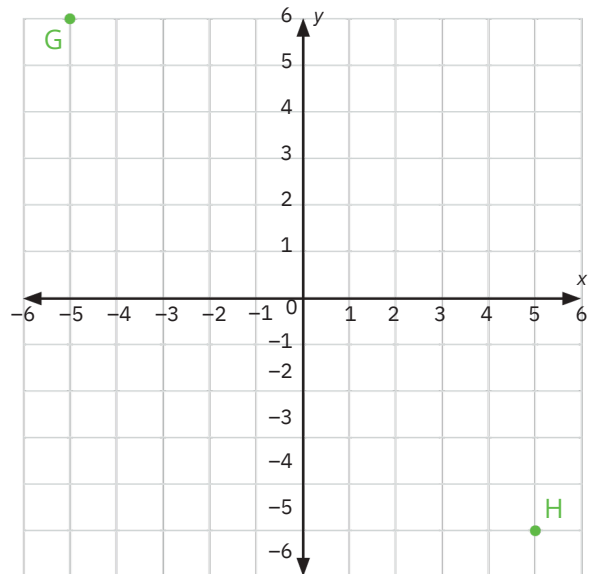
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