

Trigonometry

1.

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\overline{BC}}{\overline{AB}}$$

$$\overline{BC} = (\sin 60^\circ)(\overline{AB})$$

$$= (0.866)(8) = 6.928 \approx 6.93 \text{ rounded to the nearest hundredth}$$

2.

$$\tan(\alpha) = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{12/13}{5/13} = \frac{12}{5}$$

3.

$$\sin x = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{hypotenuse}=2, \text{ opposite}=1, \text{ so adjacent}=\sqrt{4-1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow \text{hypotenuse}=2, \text{ opposite}=1, \text{ so adjacent}=\sqrt{4-1} = \sqrt{3}$$

Alternately:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\cos x = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ for } 0^\circ < x < 90^\circ$$

4.

Let h = height of balloon in miles

$$\tan 57^\circ = \frac{1.3}{h}$$

$$\text{So, } h = \frac{1.3}{\tan 57^\circ}$$

5. $\sin 2x$ reaches its maximum when $2x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

6. the diagram given in A is $y = 3\sin\theta$

7.

for angle A, opp side = 12

hypotenuse=13

$$\text{So, adjacent} = \sqrt{(13)^2 - (12)^2} = \sqrt{169 - 144} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$\tan A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{12}{5}$$