You can only use the three trig functions sine, cosine and tangent in right triangles. Nevertheless you can find the parts of ANY triangle (if you have enough information) by drawing perpendiculars and breaking it into to right triangles. Here are three problems that show this.

1. Find A.

| 4. So how did surveyors find the height of Mt. <br> Everest? They couldn't get close because of other <br> mountains in the way so they didn't know how far <br> they were from the mountain when they measured <br> the angle. <br> They made two measurements from different <br> positions and never had to get close to the <br> mountain itself. Find the height PB of this <br> mountain using the angles obtained from looking <br> at the mountain from two positions A and C one <br> mile apart. <br> Hint: For each triangle write the tangent equation <br> and solve two equations in two unknowns. |
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| 5. Two buildings are 200 feet apart across a street. <br> A sunbather at point P finds the angle of elevation <br> of the roof of the taller building to be $25^{\circ}$ and the <br> angle of depression of its base to be $30^{\circ}$. Find the <br> height of the taller building to the nearest foot. |

