## Check it out!



The length of the diagonal of a square, $d$, is related to the length of a side, $s$, by the following formula: $d=\sqrt{2} \cdot s$.

1. What is the perimeter, in terms of $s$, of the triangle formed by two adjacent sides and the diagonal of the square?
2. What is the perimeter of the triangle if $s=3$ feet? Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.
3. What is the perimeter, in terms of $s$, of the triangle formed by two adjacent sides and the diagonal of the square?

- To find the perimeter, add the lengths of the sides of the triangle. The sides of the triangle that lie on the square each have length $s$, while the diagonal has length $d=\sqrt{2} \cdot s$. The perimeter is therefore $s+s+\sqrt{2} \cdot s$, or $2 s+\sqrt{2} \cdot s$.

2. What is the perimeter of the triangle if $s=3$ feet? Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

- The perimeter is $2 s+\sqrt{2} \cdot s$. Substitute $s=3$ feet into this expression and simplify:

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\begin{aligned}
& 2 s+\sqrt{2} \cdot s \\
& =2 \cdot(3)+\sqrt{ } \\
& =6+3 \sqrt{2} \\
& \approx 6+4.24
\end{aligned}
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=2 \cdot(3)+\sqrt{2} \cdot(3) \quad \text { Substitute } 3 \text { for } s
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calculator.

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\approx 10.24 \quad \text { Add }
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- The perimeter of the triangle is approximately 10.24 feet.

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