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4. $7^{2}+z^{2}=25^{2} \quad 49+z^{2}=625 \quad z^{2}=625-49 \quad z^{2}=576 \quad \sqrt{z^{2}}=\sqrt{576} \quad \mathrm{z}=24$
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Because the triangle in \#2 is a right triangle, I can use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve for z. I knew I was solving for a leg, so I can put z in for " $b$ " in the Pythagorean Theorem. I set up the equation as $7^{2}+z^{2}=25^{2}$ and solved to get $z=24$.

The answer should include:

- Using the Pythagorean Theorem because it's a right triangle
- Identifying the missing side as either the leg or hypotenuse, and connecting it to their equation ("leg means a or b", "c means hypotenuse", or z is a leg so I used the equation

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