

Right Triangle

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*Imagine: a capsule
from another solar
system. In the dam-
aged shell, tablets
with strange draw-*

ings. The
most recog-
nizable is

**A
RIGHT
TRIANGLE,**

a square on ea-
ch side, hinting
at the Pythago-
rean theorem—

a
founda-
tion stone of
math; an entry in
household dictionaries.

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