Chapter 2 Math Link Introduction

This worksheet will help you with the Math Link introduction on page 45.

- 1. a) A chessboard has a total of 64 light and dark squares. There are an equal number of light and dark squares. How many squares of each type are there? _____
 - **b)** A single square measures 3 cm by 3 cm as shown in the diagram. What is the area of this 3 cm-by-3 cm square?



c) What is the total area of the dark squares? ______

- **2. a)** A chessboard is square and has a total of 64 small squares. How many small squares make up one side of a chessboard? _____
 - **b)** The total area of a chessboard is 1024 cm². What is the side length of the board?
 - c) What is the side length of each small square?
- **3.** a) Draw a square to represent the chessboard in #2. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. The chessboard is divided into two right-angle triangles. The diagonal is called the hypotenuse of the triangle.

- **b)** Calculate the length of the diagonal of the chessboard. Use the Pythagorean relationship, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where *c* is the hypotenuse, and *a* and *b* are the legs of the triangle. Express your answer to the nearest tenth of a centimetre.
- **4.** Compare your solutions with your classmates' solutions.