## P.3: Connections to Distance Formula

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1) What are the similarities and differences between Kaden and Maddie's methods?

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2) Why did Kaden and Maddie get the same answer for the distance between $(2,1)$ and $(8,9)$ when they used different methods?
3) Maddie thinks $\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)$ can be substituted for $a$ and $\left(y_{2}-y_{1}\right)$ can be substituted for $b$ in the Pythagorean Theorem. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

4) Use both the distance formula and the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between $A(0,3)$ and $B(3,-1)$.


Kaden showed me that the Pythagorean Theorem and the distance formula can both be used to find distances! I would never have made that connection without seeing them side by side.

