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Steps for all Trig questions:

- 1. Sketch a diagram if necessary.
- 2. Is there a right angle?

Yes: Label sides for SOH CAH TOA

No: Decide if you need the sine law or the cosine law [SSS or SAS]

- 3. Write the equation.
- 4. Isolate the variable.
- 5. Use your calculator to solve.
- 6. Round as necessary and write a conclusion, including units.

Ex. 1

The posts of a hockey goal are 2.0 m apart. Canadian hockey star Sidney Crosby tries to score a goal by shooting the puck along the ice from a point 4.8 m from one post, and 6.7 m from the other. To the nearest degree, within what angle must Sidney shoot the puck? Include a diagram.