

LESSON
5-6 **Problem Solving**
The Quadratic Formula

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a. Use the Quadratic Formula $t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ to solve the height function for t . _____

- b. Use the value for t and the distance function to find the distance her shot travels. _____

2. Jenna is working to improve her performance. She makes a table to show how the horizontal distance varies with velocity. Complete the table.

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b.	25			
c.	28			

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3. If she achieves her goal, how long will her shot stay in the air?

- A 1.65 s
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 C 2.07 s

4. If she achieves her goal, what horizontal distance will the shot travel?

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c.	28		$t = -0.19, 1.94$	54.3 ft

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