

② let x represent the first number,
then $(x+6)$ represents the 2nd number.

$$x^2 + (x+6)^2 = 146$$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 12x + 36 = 146$$

$$2x^2 + 12x + 36 = 146$$

$$2x^2 + 12x + 36 - 146 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 12x - 110 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 + 6x - 55) = 0$$

$$2(x+11)(x-5) = 0$$

$$2 \neq 0, x+11=0 \text{ or } x-5=0$$

$$x = -11 \text{ or } x = 5$$

$\rightarrow x = (-11), x+6 = -11+6 = (-5)$

$\rightarrow x = 5, x+6 = 5+6 = 11$

\therefore the numbers are $-11, -5$ or 5 and 11 .