

## Displacement vs. Distance Worksheet

The purpose of this Worksheet is to:

1. Demonstrate the difference between Displacement and Distance.
2. For the student to practice making measurements.
3. To use Trigonometry to calculate Displacement.

Each student will need a copy of the worksheet, a ruler and a protractor.

Provide the following Directions:

1. Measure a distance 10 cm straight East and mark it as Point A.
a. Write down the Distance for Leg 1.
b. Measure and write down the Displacement.
2. Measure a distance 10 cm straight North and mark it as Point B.
a. Write down the Distance for Leg 2.
b. Write down the Total Distance Traveled from Home.
c. Using the ruler and protractor measure and write down the Displacement.
d. Use Trigonometry to calculate the Displacement.
e. Compare Calculation to Measurement.
3. Measure a distance 10 cm straight East and mark it as Point C.
a. Write down the Distance for Leg 3.
b. Write down the Total Distance Traveled from Home.
c. Using the ruler and protractor measure and write down the Displacement.
d. Use Trigonometry to calculate the Displacement.
e. Compare Calculation to Measurement.
4. Measure a distance 10 cm straight South. Where are you?
a. Write down the Distance for Leg 4.
b. Write down the Total Distance Traveled from Home.
c. Measure and write down the Displacement.
