

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.