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1. Types of Angles	Acute angles are less than 90° . Right angles are exactly 90° . Obtuse angles are greater than 90° but less than 180° . Reflex angles are greater than 180° but less than 360° .	<p>Acute Right Obtuse Reflex</p>
2. Angle Notation	Can use one lower-case letters , eg. θ or x Can use three upper-case letters , eg. BAC	
3. Angles at a Point	Angles around a point add up to 360°.	$a + b + c + d = 360^\circ$
4. Angles on a Straight Line	Angles around a point on a straight line add up to 180°.	$x + y = 180^\circ$
5. Opposite Angles	Vertically opposite angles are equal.	
6. Alternate Angles	Alternate angles are equal. They look like Z angles, but never say this in the exam.	
7. Corresponding Angles	Corresponding angles are equal. They look like F angles, but never say this in the exam.	
8. Co-Interior Angles	Co-Interior angles add up to 180°. They look like C angles, but never say this in the exam.	



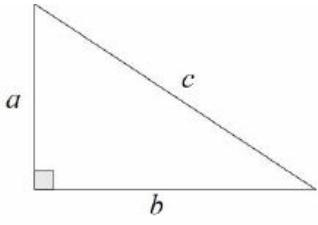
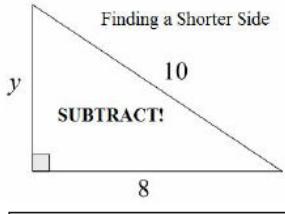
9. Angles in a Triangle	Angles in a triangle add up to 180°.	
10. Types of Triangles	Right Angle Triangles have a 90° angle in. Isosceles Triangles have 2 equal sides and 2 equal base angles . Equilateral Triangles have 3 equal sides and 3 equal angles (60°) . Scalene Triangles have different sides and different angles . Base angles in an isosceles triangle are equal.	
11. Angles in a Quadrilateral	Angles in a quadrilateral add up to 360°.	
12. Polygon	A 2D shape with only straight edges .	Rectangle, Hexagon, Decagon, Kite etc.
13. Regular	A shape is regular if all the sides and all the angles are equal .	
14. Names of Polygons	3-sided = Triangle 4-sided = Quadrilateral 5-sided = Pentagon 6-sided = Hexagon 7-sided = Heptagon/Septagon 8-sided = Octagon 9-sided = Nonagon 10-sided = Decagon	
15. Sum of Interior Angles	$(n - 2) \times 180$ where n is the number of sides.	Sum of Interior Angles in a Decagon = $(10 - 2) \times 180 = 1440^\circ$
16. Size of Interior Angle in a Regular Polygon	$\frac{(n - 2) \times 180}{n}$ You can also use the formula:	Size of Interior Angle in a Regular Pentagon = $\frac{(5 - 2) \times 180}{5} = 108^\circ$



	180 – Size of Exterior Angle	
17. Size of Exterior Angle in a Regular Polygon	$\frac{360}{n}$ <p>You can also use the formula: 180 – Size of Interior Angle</p>	Size of Exterior Angle in a Regular Octagon = $\frac{360}{8} = 45^\circ$

Topic: Pythagoras' Theorem



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1. Pythagoras' Theorem	<p>For any right angled triangle:</p> $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  <p>Used to find missing lengths. a and b are the shorter sides, c is the hypotenuse (longest side).</p>	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> $a = y, b = 8, c = 10$ $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$ $y^2 = 100 - 64$ $y^2 = 36$ $y = 6$ </div>
2. 3D Pythagoras' Theorem	<p>Find missing lengths by identifying right angled triangles.</p> <p>You will often have to find a missing length you are not asked for before finding the missing length you are asked for.</p>	<p>Can a pencil that is 20cm long fit in a pencil tin with dimensions 12cm, 13cm and 9cm? The pencil tin is in the shape of a cuboid.</p> <p>Hypotenuse of the base = $\sqrt{12^2 + 13^2} = 17.7$</p> <p>Diagonal of cuboid = $\sqrt{17.7^2 + 9^2} = 19.8\text{cm}$</p> <p>No, the pencil cannot fit.</p>



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1. Trigonometry	The study of triangles .	
2. Hypotenuse	The longest side of a right-angled triangle . Is always opposite the right angle .	
3. Adjacent	Next to	
4. Trigonometric Formulae	Use SOHCAHTOA . $\sin \theta = \frac{O}{H}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{A}{H}$ $\tan \theta = \frac{O}{A}$ <p>When finding a missing angle, use the ‘inverse’ trigonometric function by pressing the ‘shift’ button on the calculator.</p>	<p>Use ‘Opposite’ and ‘Adjacent’, so use ‘tan’</p> $\tan 35 = \frac{x}{11}$ $x = 11 \tan 35 = 7.70 \text{ cm}$ <p>Use ‘Adjacent’ and ‘Hypotenuse’, so use ‘cos’</p> $\cos x = \frac{5}{7}$ $x = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{7} \right) = 44.4^\circ$
5. 3D Trigonometry	Find missing lengths by identifying right angled triangles . You will often have to find a missing length you are not asked for before finding the missing length you are asked for.	



Higher Only Topics

Topic: Coordinates and Linear Graphs



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1. Coordinates	Written in pairs . The first term is the x-coordinate (movement across). The second term is the y-coordinate (movement up or down)	<p>A: (4, 7) B: (-6, -3)</p>																
2. Midpoint of a Line	Method 1: add the x coordinates and divide by 2, add the y coordinates and divide by 2 Method 2: Sketch the line and find the values half way between the two x and two y values.	Find the midpoint between (2,1) and (6,9) $\frac{2+6}{2} = 4$ and $\frac{1+9}{2} = 5$ So, the midpoint is (4,5)																
3. Linear Graph	Straight line graph. The general equation of a linear graph is $y = mx + c$ where m is the gradient and c is the y-intercept. The equation of a linear graph can contain an x-term , a y-term and a number .	Example: <p>Other examples: $x = y$ $y = 4$ $x = -2$ $y = 2x - 7$ $y + x = 10$ $2y - 4x = 12$</p>																
4. Plotting Linear Graphs	Method 1: Table of Values Construct a table of values to calculate coordinates. Method 2: Gradient-Intercept Method (use when the equation is in the form $y = mx + c$) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plots the y-intercept Using the gradient, plot a second point. Draw a line through the two points plotted. Method 3: Cover-Up Method (use when the equation is in the form $ax + by = c$) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cover the x term and solve the resulting equation. Plot this on the $x - axis$. Cover the y term and solve the resulting equation. Plot this on the $y - axis$. Draw a line through the two points plotted. 	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>x</td> <td>-3</td> <td>-2</td> <td>-1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>$y = x + 3$</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </table> 	x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	$y = x + 3$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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5. Gradient	<p>The gradient of a line is how steep it is.</p> <p>Gradient =</p> $\frac{\text{Change in } y}{\text{Change in } x} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$ <p>The gradient can be positive (sloping upwards) or negative (sloping downwards)</p>	
6. Finding the Equation of a Line <u>given a point and a gradient</u>	<p>Substitute in the gradient (m) and point (x,y) in to the equation $y = mx + c$ and solve for c.</p>	<p>Find the equation of the line with gradient 4 passing through (2,7).</p> $y = mx + c$ $7 = 4 \times 2 + c$ $c = -1$ $y = 4x - 1$
7. Finding the Equation of a Line <u>given two points</u>	<p>Use the two points to calculate the gradient. Then repeat the method above using the gradient and either of the points.</p>	<p>Find the equation of the line passing through (6,11) and (2,3)</p> $m = \frac{11 - 3}{6 - 2} = 2$ $y = mx + c$ $11 = 2 \times 6 + c$ $c = -1$ $y = 2x - 1$
8. Parallel Lines	<p>If two lines are parallel, they will have the same gradient. The value of m will be the same for both lines.</p>	<p>Are the lines $y = 3x - 1$ and $2y - 6x + 10 = 0$ parallel?</p> <p>Answer: Rearrange the second equation in to the form $y = mx + c$</p> $2y - 6x + 10 = 0 \rightarrow y = 3x - 5$ <p>Since the two gradients are equal (3), the lines are parallel.</p>
9. Perpendicular Lines	<p>If two lines are perpendicular, the product of their gradients will always equal -1.</p> <p>The gradient of one line will be the negative reciprocal of the gradient of the other line.</p> <p>You may need to rearrange equations of lines to compare gradients (they need to be in the form $y = mx + c$)</p>	<p>Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 3x + 2$ which passes through (6,5)</p> <p>Answer: As they are perpendicular, the gradient of the new line will be $-\frac{1}{3}$ as this is the negative reciprocal of 3.</p> $y = mx + c$



$$5 = -\frac{1}{3} \times 6 + c$$
$$c = 7$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 7$$

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3. Quadratic Graph	A ‘U-shaped’ curve called a parabola . The equation is of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where a , b and c are numbers, $a \neq 0$. If $a < 0$, the parabola is upside down .	
4. Cubic Graph	The equation is of the form $y = ax^3 + k$, where k is a number . If $a > 0$, the curve is increasing . If $a < 0$, the curve is decreasing .	$\begin{array}{c}a>0 \quad a<0 \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array}$
5. Reciprocal Graph	The equation is of the form $y = \frac{A}{x}$, where A is a number and $x \neq 0$. The graph has asymptotes on the x-axis and y-axis .	
6. Asymptote	A straight line that a graph approaches but never touches .	<p>horizontal asymptote vertical asymptote</p>

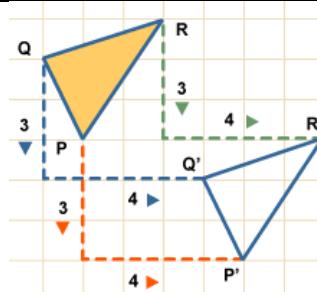
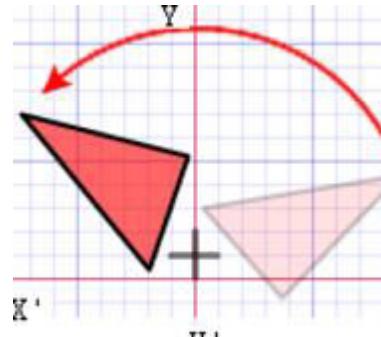
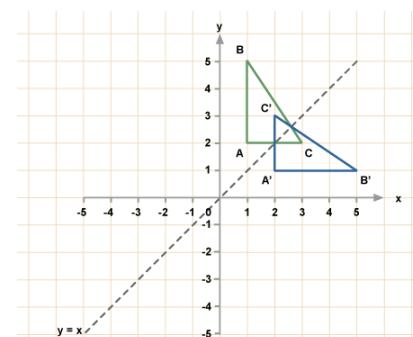
Topic: Real Life Graphs



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1. Real Life Graphs	<p>Graphs that are supposed to model some real-life situation.</p> <p>The actual meaning of the values depends on the labels and units on each axis.</p> <p>The gradient might have a contextual meaning.</p> <p>The y-intercept might have a contextual meaning.</p> <p>The area under the graph might have a contextual meaning.</p>	<p>A graph showing the cost of hiring a ladder for various numbers of days.</p> <p>The gradient shows the cost per day. It costs £3/day to hire the ladder.</p> <p>The y-intercept shows the additional cost/deposit/fixed charge (something not linked to how long the ladder is hired for). The additional cost is £7.</p>
2. Conversion Graph	<p>A line graph to convert one unit to another.</p> <p>Can be used to convert units (eg. miles and kilometres) or currencies (\$ and £)</p> <p>Find the value you know on one axis, read up/across to the conversion line and read the equivalent value from the other axis.</p>	<p>Conversion graph miles \leftrightarrow kilometres</p> <p>$8 \text{ km} = 5 \text{ miles}$</p>
3. Depth of Water in Containers	<p>Graphs can be used to show how the depth of water changes as different shaped containers are filled with water at a constant rate.</p>	

Topic: Shape Transformations



Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Translation	Translate means to move a shape . The shape does not change size or orientation .	
2. Column Vector	In a column vector, the top number moves left (-) or right (+) and the bottom number moves up (+) or down (-)	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ means '2 right, 3 up' $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ means '1 left, 5 down'
3. Rotation	The size does not change, but the shape is turned around a point . Use tracing paper.	Rotate Shape A 90° anti-clockwise about (0,1) 
4. Reflection	The size does not change, but the shape is ' flipped ' like in a mirror . Line $x = ?$ is a vertical line . Line $y = ?$ is a horizontal line . Line $y = x$ is a diagonal line .	Reflect shape C in the line $y = x$ 
5. Enlargement	The shape will get bigger or smaller . Multiply each side by the scale factor .	Scale Factor = 3 means '3 times larger = multiply by 3' Scale Factor = $\frac{1}{2}$ means 'half the size = divide by 2'



6. Finding the Centre of Enlargement	<p>Draw straight lines through corresponding corners of the two shapes. The centre of enlargement is the point where all the lines cross over.</p> <p>Be careful with negative enlargements as the corresponding corners will be the other way around.</p>	<p>A to B is an enlargement SF 2 about the point (2, 1)</p>
7. Describing Transformations	<p>Give the following information when describing each transformation:</p> <p>Look at the number of marks in the question for a hint of how many pieces of information are needed.</p> <p>If you are asked to describe a ‘transformation’, you need to say the name of the type of transformation as well as the other details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translation, Vector - Rotation, Direction, Angle, Centre - Reflection, Equation of mirror line - Enlargement, Scale factor, Centre of enlargement
8. Negative Scale Factor Enlargements	<p>Negative enlargements will look like they have been rotated.</p> <p>$SF = -2$ will be rotated, and also twice as big.</p>	<p>Enlarge ABC by scale factor -2, centre (1,1)</p>
9. Invariance	<p>A point, line or shape is invariant if it does not change/move when a transformation is performed.</p> <p>An invariant point ‘does not vary’.</p>	<p>If shape P is reflected in the $y - axis$, then exactly one vertex is invariant.</p>



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1. Parallel	Parallel lines never meet.	
2. Perpendicular	Perpendicular lines are at right angles. There is a 90° angle between them.	
3. Vertex	A corner or a point where two lines meet.	
4. Angle Bisector	Angle Bisector: Cuts the angle in half. 1. Place the sharp end of a pair of compasses on the vertex. 2. Draw an arc, marking a point on each line. 3. Without changing the compass put the compass on each point and mark a centre point where two arcs cross over. 4. Use a ruler to draw a line through the vertex and centre point.	 Angle Bisector
5. Perpendicular Bisector	Perpendicular Bisector: Cuts a line in half and at right angles. 1. Put the sharp point of a pair of compasses on A. 2. Open the compass over half way on the line. 3. Draw an arc above and below the line. 4. Without changing the compass, repeat from point B. 5. Draw a straight line through the two intersecting arcs.	 Line Bisector
6. Perpendicular from an External Point	The perpendicular distance from a point to a line is the shortest distance to that line. 1. Put the sharp point of a pair of compasses on the point. 2. Draw an arc that crosses the line twice. 3. Place the sharp point of the compass on one of these points, open over half way and draw an arc above and below the line. 4. Repeat from the other point on the line.	



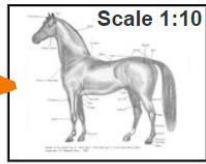
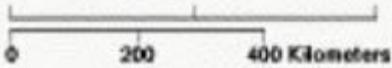
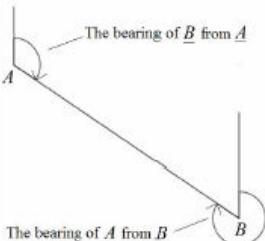
	5. Draw a straight line through the two intersecting arcs.	
7. Perpendicular from a Point on a Line	<p>Given line PQ and point R on the line:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Put the sharp point of a pair of compasses on point R. Draw two arcs either side of the point of equal width (giving points S and T) Place the compass on point S, open over halfway and draw an arc above the line. Repeat from the other arc on the line (point T). Draw a straight line from the intersecting arcs to the original point on the line. 	
8. Constructing Triangles (Side, Side, Side)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draw the base of the triangle using a ruler. Open a pair of compasses to the width of one side of the triangle. Place the point on one end of the line and draw an arc. Repeat for the other side of the triangle at the other end of the line. Using a ruler, draw lines connecting the ends of the base of the triangle to the point where the arcs intersect. 	
9. Constructing Triangles (Side, Angle, Side)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draw the base of the triangle using a ruler. Measure the angle required using a protractor and mark this angle. Remove the protractor and draw a line of the exact length required in line with the angle mark drawn. Connect the end of this line to the other end of the base of the triangle. 	
10. Constructing Triangles (Angle, Side, Angle)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draw the base of the triangle using a ruler. Measure one of the angles required using a protractor and mark this angle. Draw a straight line through this point from the same point on the base of the triangle. Repeat this for the other angle on the other end of the base of the triangle. 	



<p>11. Constructing an Equilateral Triangle (also makes a 60° angle)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw the base of the triangle using a ruler. 2. Open the pair of compasses to the exact length of the side of the triangle. 3. Place the sharp point on one end of the line and draw an arc. 4. Repeat this from the other end of the line. 5. Using a ruler, draw lines connecting the ends of the base of the triangle to the point where the arcs intersect. 	<p>MathBits.com</p>
<p>12. Loci and Regions</p>	<p>A locus is a path of points that follow a rule.</p> <p>For the locus of points closer to B than A, create a perpendicular bisector between A and B and shade the side closer to B.</p> <p>For the locus of points equidistant from A, use a compass to draw a circle, centre A.</p> <p>For the locus of points equidistant to line X and line Y, create an angle bisector.</p> <p>For the locus of points a set distance from a line, create two semi-circles at either end joined by two parallel lines.</p>	<p>Points Closer to B than A.</p> <p>Points less than 2cm from A</p> <p>Points more than 2cm from A</p>
<p>13. Equidistant</p>	<p>A point is equidistant from a set of objects if the distances between that point and each of the objects is the same.</p>	

Topic: Bearings and Scale Diagrams



Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Scale	The ratio of the length in a model to the length of the real thing .	  <p>Real Horse 1500 mm high 2000 mm long</p> <p>Drawn Horse 150 mm high 200 mm long</p>
2. Scale (Map)	The ratio of a distance on the map to the actual distance in real life .	$1 \text{ in.} = 250 \text{ mi}$ $1 \text{ cm} = 160 \text{ km}$ 
3. Bearings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measure from North (draw a North line) 2. Measure clockwise 3. Your answer must have 3 digits (eg. 047°) <p>Look out for where the bearing is measured <u>from</u>.</p>	
4. Compass Directions	<p>You can use an acronym such as 'Never Eat Shredded Wheat' to remember the order of the compass directions in a clockwise direction.</p> <p>Bearings: $NE = 045^\circ$, $W = 270^\circ$ etc.</p>	