GCSE Maths – Geometry and Measures

Measuring Lines, Angles and Bearings

Worksheet

NOTES

SOLUTIONS

This worksheet will show you how to work out different types of measuring questions. Each section contains a worked example, a question with hints and then questions for you to work through on your own.

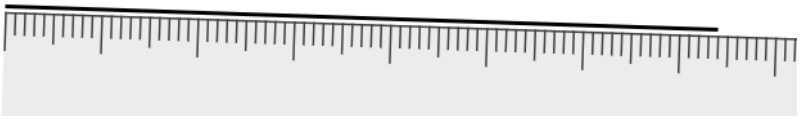
Section A

Worked Example

Measure the line segment.

Step 1: Align the starting point of the line segment with “zero line” on the ruler.

Step 2: Keep the ruler in place with the start and position the ruler to follow the line. The ruler should be parallel to the line.



Step 3: Read off the measurement at the point the line segment ends.

The line segment measures 7.4 cm

Guided Example

Calculate the distance from Point A and B.

A X

B X

Step 1: Connect Points A and B

Step 2: Align the starting point of the line segment with “zero line” on the ruler.

Step 3: Keep the ruler in place with the start and position the ruler to follow the line. The ruler should be parallel to the line.

Step 4: Read off the measurement at the point the line segment ends.

Now it's your turn!
If you get stuck, look back at the worked and guided examples.

1. Measure each line segment.

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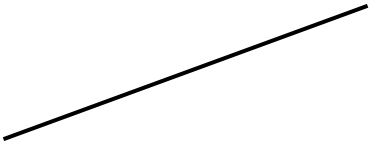
b)



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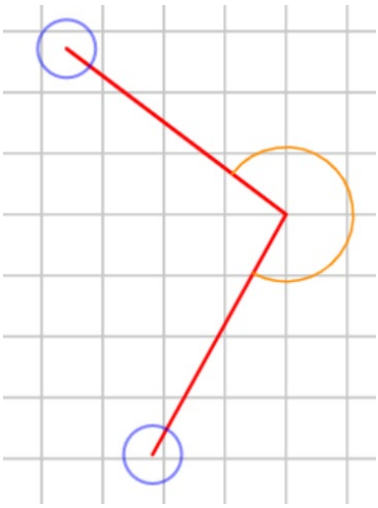
Section B

Worked Example

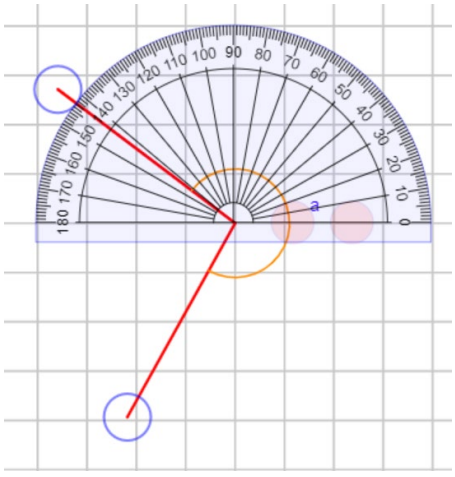
Measure the angle highlighted by the orange curve:

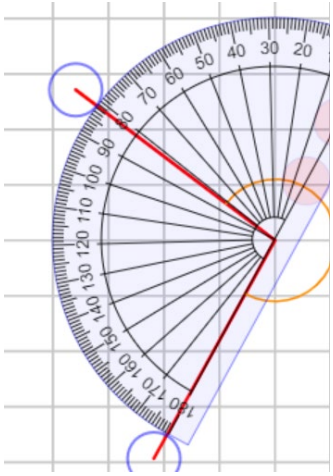


Step 1: Think about whether the line is an acute, obtuse or reflex angle.

The angle highlighted is more than 180° and it is a reflex angle. This means that we have to measure the inside obtuse angle first and then subtract it from $360°$.

Step 2: Align the centre of the protractor with the point of intersection of the two lines. Keeping the protractor fixed at the centre, align the horizontal line on the protractor with an appropriate line segment.





Step 3: Measure the obtuse angle between the two lines.

The interior angle (obtuse) angle is $98°$.

Step 4: To calculate the required exterior angle, subtract the acute angle from $360°$.

$$360° - 98° = 262°$$

The required angle highlighted in orange is $262°$.

Worked Example

Measure the angle highlighted in orange:

Step 1: Think about whether the line is an acute, obtuse or reflex angle.

Step 2: Align the centre of the protractor with the point of intersection of the two lines. Keeping the protractor fixed at the centre, align the horizontal line on the protractor with an appropriate line segment.

Step 3: Read off the required angle.

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2. Measure each angle highlighted.

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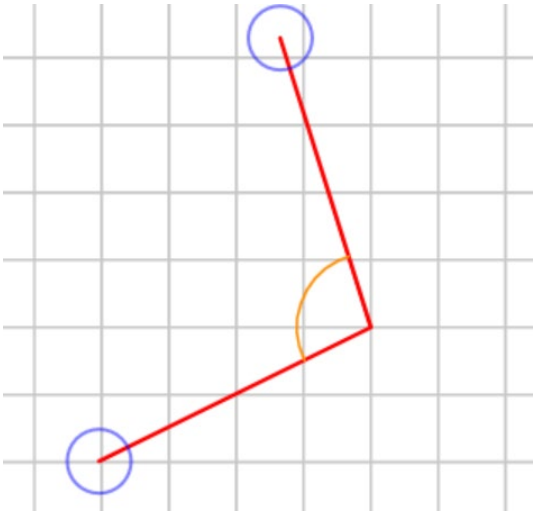

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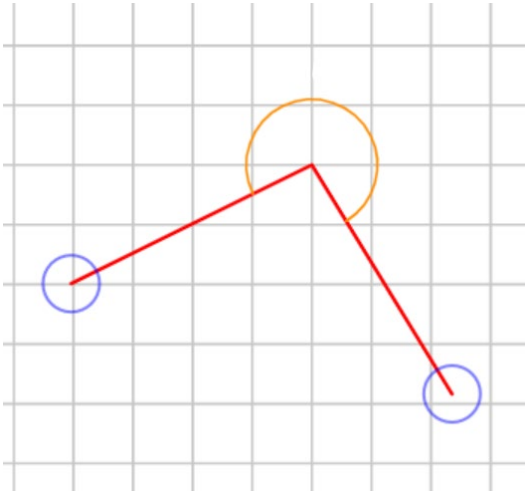

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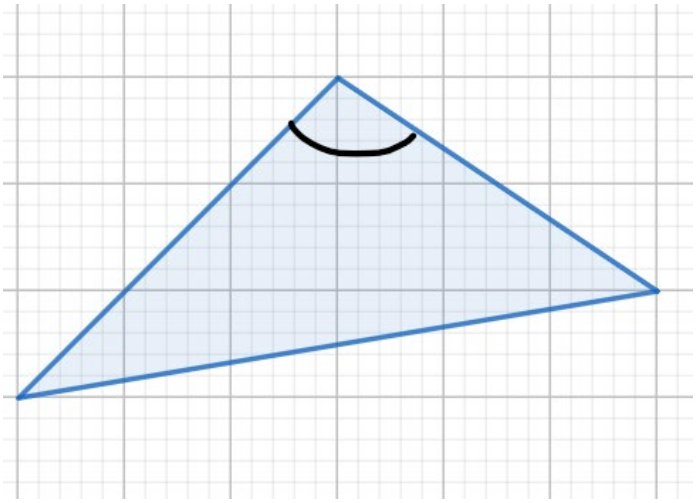
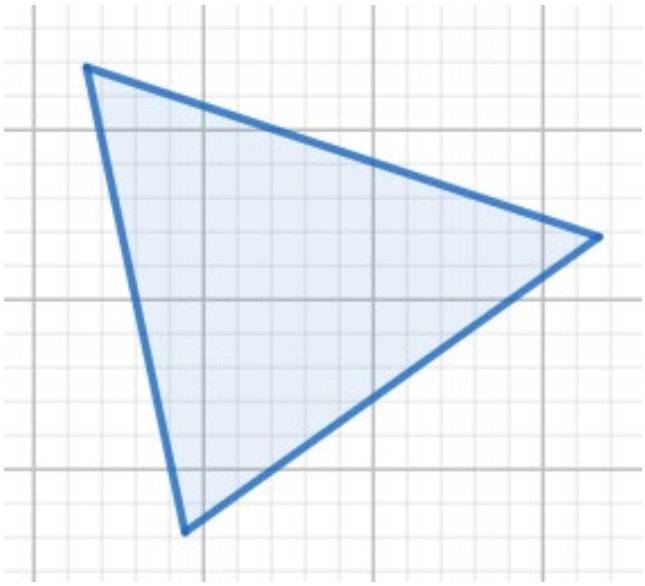


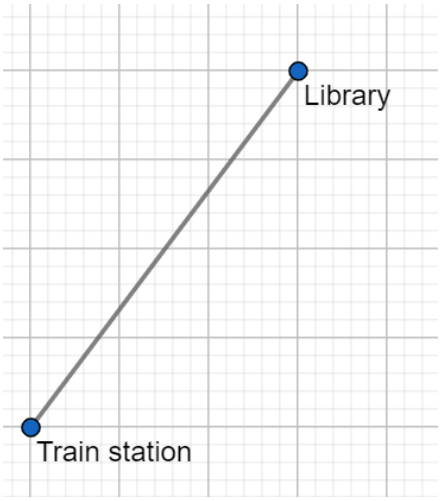
e) Is this triangle an isosceles triangle?



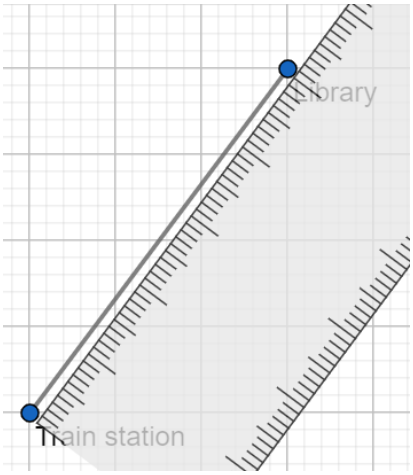
Section C

Worked Example

Iman walks to the library from the station. The map has a scale of $1\text{ cm} : 500\text{ m}$. Assuming she walks along the straight line, how many kilometres does Iman walk?



Step 1: Measure the distance between the two places.



The line measures 5 cm.

Step 2: Use the scale to calculate the actual distance between the library and station.

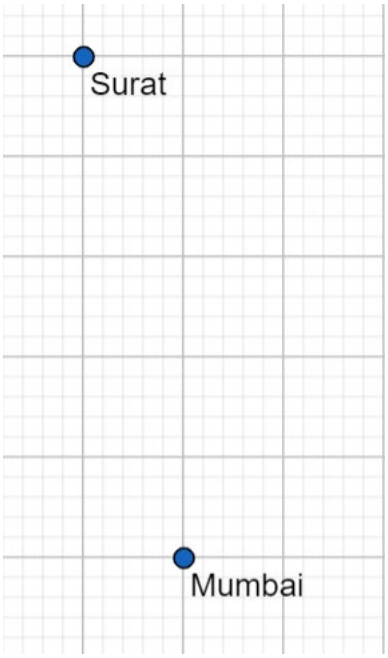
$$1\text{ cm} : 500\text{ m}$$
$$5\text{ cm} : 2500\text{ m}$$

The actual distance between the library and train station is 2500 m, *which is equal to* 2.5 km.

Iman walks 2.5 *kilometres.*

Worked Example

The map shows the distance from Surat to Mumbai and the map has a scale of $1\text{ cm} : 55\text{ km}$. What is the actual distance between the cities of India?



Step 1: Measure the distance between the cities.

Step 2: Use the scale to calculate the actual distance between the cities

Now it's your turn!
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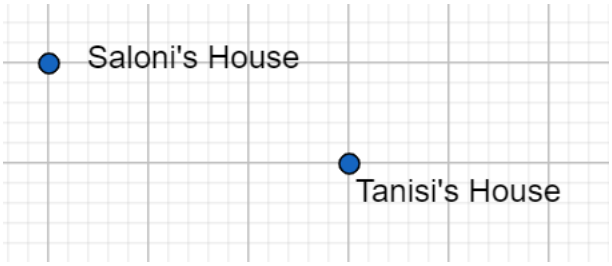
3. A map has a scale $2\ \text{cm} : 5\ \text{miles}$. On a map, the distance between two cities is $30\ \text{cm}$. What is the actual distance between the two cities? Include the units in your answer.

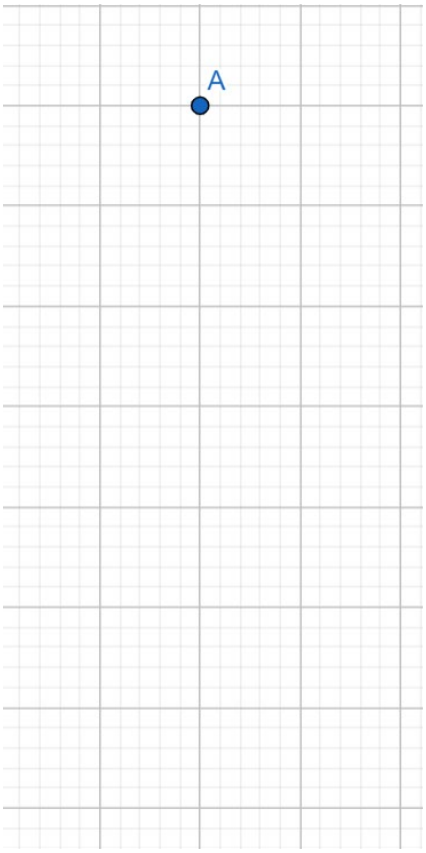
4. The map below shows the distance between two friends' houses. Every 1 centimetre represents 1200 metres.



a) Calculate how far Tanisi and Saloni live from each other.
b) Tanisi says she has to walk further than the distance calculated. Suggest a reason why this may be.

5. A map has a scale $1\text{ cm} : 6\text{ miles}$. The actual distance between two towns is 108 miles. What is the distance between the two towns on the map?

6. This map has a scale of $1\text{ cm} : 2.5\text{ kilometres}$. Point B is exactly 17.5 km south of Point A. Draw Point B on the map.

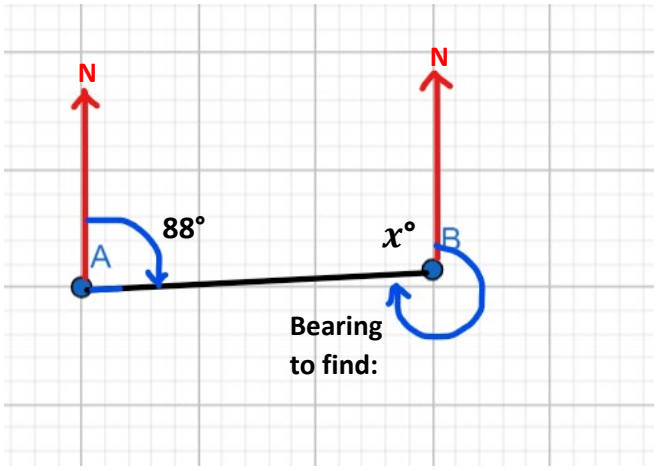


Section D

Worked Example

The bearing from point A to point B is 088°. Calculate the bearing from point B to point A.

Step 1: Draw a quick sketch of the question and label the angles. Draw north lines at each point.



Step 2: Using parallel line rules, calculate angle x.

Angle x and angle 88 are co-interior angles and therefore add up to $180°$:

$$x + 88° = 180°$$

$$x = 180° - 88°$$

$$x = 92°$$

Step 3: Calculate the required bearing using angle x.

Using the property that angles at a point add up to $360°$:

$$92° + Bearing = 360°$$

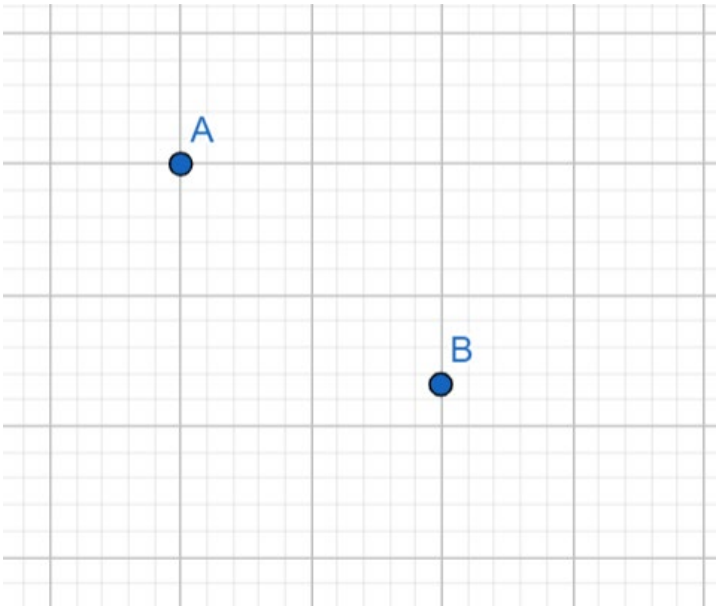
$$Bearing = 360° - 92°$$

$$Bearing = 268°$$

The bearing from B to A is $\mathbf{268}°$.

Worked Example

Calculate the bearing of Point B from Point A.



Step 1: Draw a quick sketch of the question and label the angles. Draw north lines at each point.

Step 2: Measure the required angle between the two lines in a clockwise motion.

Make sure that the bearing is a three-digit figure.

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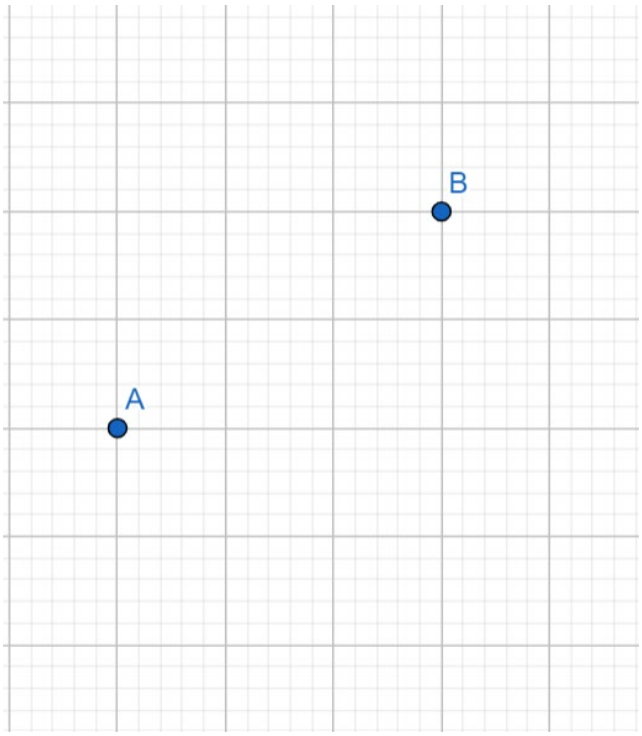
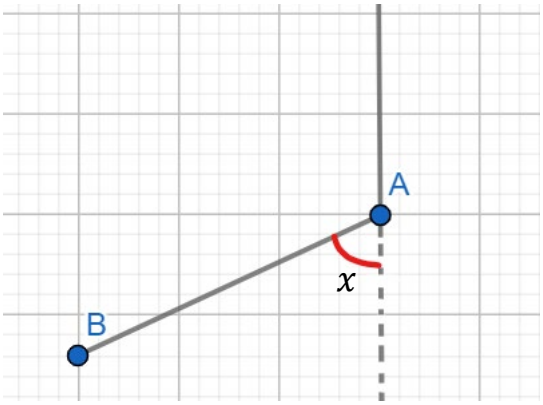
7. Measure the bearing from B to A.



8. The bearing from Birmingham to London is 163°. Calculate the bearing from London to Birmingham.

9. Calculate the bearing from point B to point A. You should find angle x as an intermediate step in your calculation.



10. The bearing from point X to Y is $095°$.
The bearing from point Y to Z is $150°$.
The bearing from point X to Z is $130°$.

Calculate the bearing from point Z to point X.