

What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Understand and represent bearings
- Measure and read bearings
- Make scale drawings using bearings
- Calculate bearings using angle rules
- Solve bearings problems using Pythagoras and trigonometry

Keywords

Cardinal directions: the directions of North, South, East, West

Angle: the amount of turn between two lines around their common point

Bearing: the angle in degrees measured clockwise from North

Perpendicular: where two lines meet at 90°

Parallel: straight lines always the same distance apart and never touch. They have the same gradient.

Clockwise: moving in the direction of the hands on a clock.

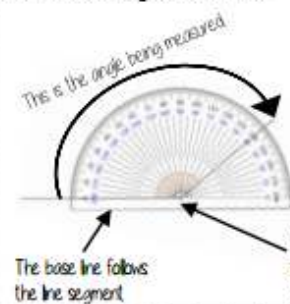
Construct: to draw accurately using a compass, protractor and or ruler or straight edge.

Scale: the ratio of the length of a drawing to the length of the real thing

Protractor: an instrument used in measuring or drawing angles.

Measure angles to 180°

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Read from 0° on the base line. Remember to use estimation. This is an obtuse angle so between 90° and 180°

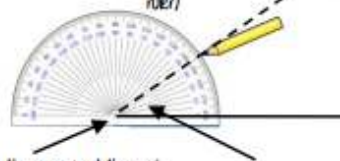
Make sure the cross is at the point the two lines meet

Draw angles up to 180°

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Draw a 35° angle

Make a mark at 35° with a pencil. And join to the angle point (use a ruler)



Make sure the cross is at the end of the line (where you want the angle)

The angle

Angle notation

The letter in the middle is the angle. The arc represents the part of the angle

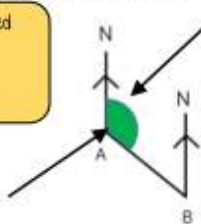


Angle Notation: three letters ABC . This is the angle at $B = 113^\circ$. $\angle ABC$ is also used to represent the angle at B.

Understand and represent bearings

- A bearing is always measured from **NORTH**
- It is always given as three figures.

The bearing of B from A is calculated by measuring the highlighted angle



The angle indicated starts from the North line at A and joins the path connecting A to B.

This angle shows the bearing of B from A

The sentence... "Bearing of ___ from ___" is really important in identifying the bearing being represented.

Using **estimation** it is clear this angle is between 090° and 180°

Scale drawings

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1 : 20

For every 1cm on the model there are 20cm in real life

Remember: Scale drawings **ONLY** change lengths and distances. Angles remain the same

Directions



Clockwise

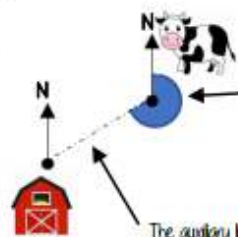


Anti-Clockwise



Measure and read bearings

The bearing of the cow to the barn.

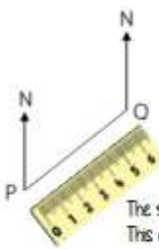


This angle is measured from **NORTH**. It is measured in a clockwise direction. **Estimation** indicates this angle is between 180° and 270° . Use a protractor to measure accurately. Remember: bearings are written as three figures.

The auxiliary line is drawn to help you measure and draw the angle that is measured to represent the bearing.

Scale drawings using bearings

Remember - angles **DO NOT** change size in scaled drawings



The bearing measurements do not change from "real life" to images

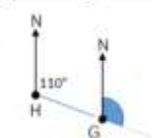
The units in the ratio scale are the same

The scale may need to be calculated from the image. This represents 30km from P to Q.

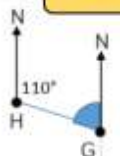
6cm = 30km
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Bearings with angle rules

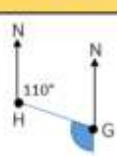
Because two North lines are **PARALLEL**...



They form **corresponding angles** and therefore are the same size



They form **co-interior angles** and add up to 180°



They form **alternate angles** and therefore are the same size

Bearings with right-angled geometry

Look for Right-angles: Pythagoras Trigonometry (Sin, Cos, Tan)

"Due West" bearing of 270° makes a 90° angle. "Due East" bearing of 090° makes a 90° angle.

A plane flies East for 20km then turns South for 15km. Find the bearing of the plane from where it took off.

