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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary difference between speed and velocity?

Hint: Consider the definitions of speed and velocity.

- ◯ A) Speed is a vector quantity, while velocity is a scalar quantity.
- ◯ A) Speed has direction, while velocity does not.
- ◯ C) Speed is a scalar quantity, while velocity is a vector quantity.
- ◯ D) Speed is always greater than velocity.

Which of the following are true about speed? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the properties of speed.

- ☐ A) It is a scalar quantity.
- ☐ A) It includes direction.
- ☐ C) It can be measured in m/s.
- ☐ D) It is calculated as displacement divided by time.

Explain in your own words why velocity is considered a vector quantity.

Hint: Think about the components that define a vector.

List the formulas for calculating speed and velocity.

Hint: Recall the basic formulas used in physics.

1. What is the formula for speed?

2. What is the formula for velocity?

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

If a car travels 100 km north and then 100 km south, what is its total displacement?

Hint: Consider the starting and ending points of the car's journey.

- ◯ A) 200 km
- ◯ A) 100 km
- ◯ C) 0 km
- ◯ D) 50 km

Which scenarios describe velocity rather than speed? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about whether direction is included in the description.

- ☐ A) A car traveling at 60 km/h
- ☐ A) A plane flying 500 km east
- ☐ C) A runner moving at 10 m/s north
- ☐ D) A cyclist maintaining a speed of 20 km/h

Describe a real-world scenario where understanding the difference between speed and velocity is crucial.

Hint: Think about situations involving navigation or physics.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

A cyclist travels 30 km north in 2 hours. What is the cyclist's average velocity?

Hint: Use the formula for velocity.

- ◯ A) 15 km/h north
- ◯ A) 30 km/h north
- ◯ C) 60 km/h north
- ◯ D) 15 km/h

A car travels 150 km in 3 hours. Which of the following statements are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Calculate average speed and consider displacement.

- ☐ A) The average speed is 50 km/h.
- ☐ A) The average velocity is 50 km/h.
- ☐ C) The car's displacement is 150 km.
- ☐ D) The car's speed is a vector quantity.

Calculate the average speed of a runner who completes a 400-meter lap in 50 seconds.

Hint: Use the formula for average speed.

Which graph correctly represents a constant speed over time?

Hint: Think about the shape of the graph.

- ◯ A) A straight horizontal line on a distance-time graph
- ◯ A) A straight diagonal line on a distance-time graph
- ◯ C) A curved line on a distance-time graph
- ◯ D) A vertical line on a distance-time graph

Analyze the following statements and identify which are true about instantaneous speed. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definition of instantaneous speed.

- [ ] A) It is the speed at a specific moment in time.
- [ ] A) It is always equal to average speed.
- [ ] C) It can be determined using a speedometer.
- [ ] D) It is a vector quantity.

Explain how you would determine the velocity of a moving object using a position-time graph.

Hint: Think about the information provided by the graph.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which scenario best illustrates the importance of velocity in navigation?

Hint: Consider scenarios involving direction and travel.

- ◯ A) Calculating the time it takes to fill a swimming pool
- ◯ A) Determining the shortest route to a destination
- ◯ C) Measuring the height of a building
- ◯ D) Estimating the fuel efficiency of a car

Evaluate the following situations and select those where speed and velocity would differ. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about scenarios involving direction.

- [ ] A) A car driving in a straight line
- [ ] A) A runner completing a circular track
- [ ] C) A plane flying directly east

- [ ] D) A boat sailing in a zigzag pattern

Design an experiment to measure the average speed and velocity of a remote-controlled car on a track. Describe the steps and tools you would use.

Hint: Think about the materials needed for the experiment.