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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the formula for calculating speed?

Hint: Think about how speed is defined in terms of distance and time.

- ◯ Speed = Distance × Time
- ◯ Speed = Distance / Time
- ◯ Speed = Time / Distance
- ◯ Speed = Distance + Time

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

Hint: Consider the common units used to measure speed.

- ☐ Meters per second (m/s)
- ☐ Kilometers per hour (km/h)
- ☐ Seconds (s)
- ☐ Miles per hour (mph)

Explain the difference between speed and velocity in your own words.

Hint: Consider the definitions and characteristics of both terms.

List two examples of scalar quantities and two examples of vector quantities.

Hint: Think about quantities that have only magnitude versus those that have both magnitude and direction.

1. Scalar Quantity 1

2. Scalar Quantity 2

3. Vector Quantity 1

4. Vector Quantity 2

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

If a car travels 150 kilometers north in 3 hours, what is its velocity?

Hint: Remember that velocity includes direction.

- ◯ 50 km/h
- ◯ 50 km/h north
- ◯ 150 km/h
- ◯ 150 km/h north

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

Hint: Consider the definitions and properties of acceleration.

- ☐ Acceleration can be negative.
- ☐ Acceleration is the rate of change of speed.
- ☐ Acceleration is a scalar quantity.
- ☐ Acceleration is measured in meters per second squared (m/s^2).

Describe a real-world scenario where understanding velocity is more important than speed.

Hint: Think about situations where direction is crucial.

A cyclist increases her speed from 5 m/s to 15 m/s in 5 seconds. What is her acceleration?

Hint: Use the formula for acceleration: (final speed - initial speed) / time.

- ◯ 2 m/s²
- ◯ 3 m/s²
- ◯ 5 m/s²
- ◯ 10 m/s²

Which scenarios demonstrate acceleration? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider changes in speed or direction.

- ☐ A car maintaining a constant speed of 60 km/h.
- ☐ A train slowing down as it approaches a station.
- ☐ A ball rolling down a hill and gaining speed.
- ☐ A runner maintaining a steady pace.

Calculate the speed of a runner who covers 400 meters in 50 seconds. Show your work.

Hint: Use the formula for speed: Speed = Distance / Time.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following best describes the relationship between speed, velocity, and acceleration?

Hint: Consider how these concepts are defined and related.

- ◯ Speed and velocity are the same; acceleration is unrelated.
- ◯ Speed is a scalar, velocity is a vector, and acceleration is the rate of change of velocity.
- ◯ Velocity is the rate of change of speed; acceleration is the rate of change of velocity.
- ◯ Speed and acceleration are vectors; velocity is a scalar.

Analyze the following situations and identify which involve a change in velocity. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for changes in speed or direction.

- ☐ A car traveling east at a constant speed.
- ☐ A plane taking off and climbing at an angle.
- ☐ A boat moving in a circular path at constant speed.
- ☐ A cyclist stopping at a traffic light.

Discuss how the concepts of speed, velocity, and acceleration are interconnected in the context of a roller coaster ride.

Hint: Think about how these concepts apply to the motion of the roller coaster.

Which situation would require the most precise measurement of acceleration?

Hint: Consider scenarios where acceleration plays a critical role.

- ◯ A marathon runner's pace.
- ◯ A spacecraft launching into orbit.
- ◯ A cyclist on a flat road.
- ◯ A car driving on a highway.

Evaluate the following statements and identify which are correct regarding the impact of acceleration on motion. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about how acceleration affects movement.

- ☐ Acceleration can change the direction of motion.

- [ ] Constant acceleration always increases speed.
- [ ] Negative acceleration can stop an object.
- [ ] Acceleration is always in the direction of motion.

Design an experiment to measure the acceleration of a toy car on a ramp. Describe the materials you would use, the procedure, and how you would calculate the acceleration.

Hint: Think about the steps involved in conducting an experiment.