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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary purpose of the Distance Formula?

Hint: Think about what the formula calculates.

- ◯ To calculate the area of a triangle
- ◯ To find the distance between two points in a coordinate plane
- ◯ To determine the slope of a line
- ◯ To measure the angle between two lines

Which of the following are components of the Distance Formula?

Hint: Consider the elements that make up the formula.

- ☐ Square root
- ☐ Coordinates of two points
- ☐ Slope of a line
- ☐ Squaring operation

Explain how the Distance Formula is derived from the Pythagorean theorem.

Hint: Think about the relationship between the sides of a right triangle.

List the axes of a coordinate plane and describe their orientation.

Hint: Consider the two main lines that define the plane.

1. What is the x-axis?

2. What is the y-axis?

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

In the Distance Formula $d = \sqrt{((x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2)}$, what does d represent?

Hint: Consider what the formula calculates.

- ◯ The midpoint between two points
- ◯ The distance between two points
- ◯ The slope of the line connecting two points
- ◯ The angle between two lines

Which of the following statements about the coordinate plane are true?

Hint: Think about the definitions of the axes and points.

- ☐ The x-axis is vertical
- ☐ The y-axis is horizontal
- ☐ Points are expressed as ordered pairs (x, y)
- ☐ The origin is where the x-axis and y-axis intersect

Calculate the distance between the points (2, -3) and (-1, 5) using the Distance Formula. Show your work.

Hint: Use the formula and substitute the coordinates.

If the coordinates of two points are (3, 4) and (7, 1), what is the distance between them?

Hint: Use the Distance Formula to find the answer.

- ◯ 5
- ◯ 6
- ◯ 7
- ◯ 8

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which part of the Distance Formula ensures that the distance is always a positive value?

Hint: Consider the operations involved in the formula.

- ◯ Subtraction of coordinates
- ◯ Squaring of differences
- ◯ Addition of squares
- ◯ Square root operation

When analyzing the Distance Formula, which mathematical operations are involved?

Hint: Think about the steps taken in the formula.

- ☐ Addition
- ☐ Subtraction
- ☐ Multiplication
- ☐ Division

Analyze how changing the coordinates of one point affects the calculated distance. Provide an example to illustrate your explanation.

Hint: Consider how distance varies with different coordinates.

Which of the following best evaluates the importance of the Distance Formula in geometry?

Hint: Think about its applications and relevance.

- ◯ It is only useful for simple calculations
- ◯ It is essential for determining distances in coordinate geometry
- ◯ It is rarely used in practical applications
- ◯ It is primarily used for theoretical purposes

Imagine you are designing a game that involves moving characters on a grid. How could the Distance Formula be used in your game design?

Hint: Consider the movement mechanics of characters.

- ☐ To calculate the shortest path between two characters
- ☐ To determine the area covered by a character
- ☐ To find the distance a character can move in one turn
- ☐ To measure the distance between a character and an obstacle

Create a real-world problem that involves finding the distance between two points. Provide a solution using the Distance Formula.

Hint: Think of a scenario where distance is relevant.