Velocity Practice

1 A tourist cycled towards the beach at 11 m/s.

Fill in the blanks in these sentences. Use the words **speed**, **direction** and **velocity**.

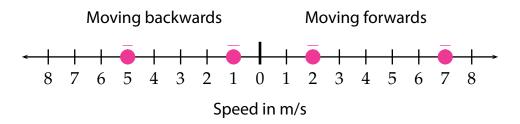
The is 11 m/s.

The _____ is towards the beach.

The is towards the beach at 11 m/s.

2 Tick or cross to show in each case whether you know the speed, the direction and/or the velocity. In some rows you will need to make more than one tick.

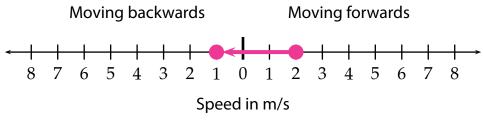
Description	Speed	Direction	Velocity
The ship sailed south.			
The jogger ran at 3 m/s.			
The truck drove towards Leeds at 60 mph.			
The airship flew 50 km west.			
The rocket climbed at 2000 m/s.			
The car reversed into the parking space.			



3 Complete the table to show the speeds, directions and velocities labelled on the scale.

Label	Speed	Direction	Velocity
Α			
В			
C			
D			

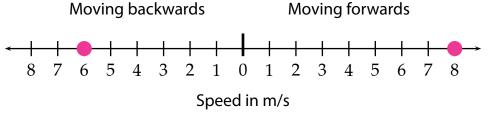
- 4 A child falls down onto a trampoline at 1.5 m/s. They bounce up at 1.2 m/s.
 - (a) Has the child's speed changed?
 - (b) Has the child's velocity changed?
 - (c) If the child bounced up at 1.5 m/s would their velocity have changed?
- A shopper moves a trolley forwards at 2 m/s. They then reverse it at 1 m/s. The velocities are shown on this scale. The arrow shows the velocity change.



The velocity change is _____ backwards (the length of the arrow).

(a) What was the old speed?

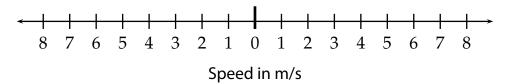
- (b) What is the new speed?
- (c) How much has the speed changed?
- (d) Is the speed change the same as the velocity change?
- A tennis ball is hit forwards at 8 m/s. It bounces off a wall and then moves at 6 m/s backwards. The velocities are shown on this scale.



- (a) Draw the velocity change as an arrow.
- (b) What is the velocity change?
- (c) How much has the speed changed?

7 During circuit training, a cadet runs towards a mark at 5 m/s. They reach the mark, turn round and run back at the same speed.

Moving away from the mark Moving towards the mark



- (a) Mark the old and new velocities on the scale
- (b) Mark the velocity change on the scale.
- (c) What is the velocity change?
- 8 Calculate the velocity change in each case.
 - (a) A cyclist slows down from 12 m/s to 3 m/s on a straight road.
 - (b) A fork-lift truck on a straight path was moving forwards at 0.6 m/s. It then picked up a load and reversed at 2.4 m/s.
 - (c) A plate hits the floor at 5 m/s and stops.
 - (d) A balloon rises at 0.5 m/s but later bursts and falls at 2.5 m/s.
- 9 A dancer throws a baton upwards at 3 m/s. Just before it is caught it is falling at 3 m/s.
 - (a) What is the velocity change?
 - (b) What is the change in speed?
- 10 A customer on a fairground ride goes round in a circle at 13 m/s. Does their velocity change as they go round the circle? Explain your answer.