

3. How Do We Identify Motion?

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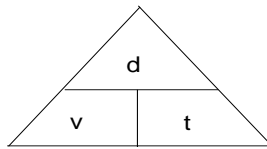
- **Time (t):** is the duration between two events

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- When objects on earth are placed in motion, they travel certain distances in a given time

- **Speed (v):** the distance travelled by a moving object per unit of time

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$



: Units for speed are generally m/s or km/hr, but can be any distance unit over any time unit.

- there are two types of speed:

- a) **Instantaneous speed** = speed at a given instant in time

- ie. Looking down at your speedometer

- b) **Average speed** = total distance traveled in a given time span

- it is the best approximation of uniform motion

- ie. On a trip, a vehicle's speed will fluctuate

$$V_{av} = \frac{\text{total distance}}{\text{total time}}$$

Examples:

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What length of time would it take for two hikers to walk 25.0km if they traveled at a speed of 5.2km/h?

If the hikers continued at a pace of 5.2 km/h for 7 h, what distance would they travel?

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