

Topic Kinematics: Velocity	
Element Teaching guide: Lesson 1 Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that a particle's motion in spacetime can be described by position, distance, displacement, (average) speed, (average) velocity, and acceleration. • Interpret and calculate using distance/displacement–time graphs. • Apply the equations for speed and velocity; solve linear equations.
Time	1 hour

- In reference to the video **Introduction to kinematics**, check in with the class about:
 - Concepts of position; coordinate system; time interval; rate of change in general and of position in particular; speed; velocity; and acceleration.
 - Concepts of vector and scalar.
 - Everyday use of the phrases 'speed up', 'slow down', 'shortest distance', 'stationary', etc.
 - Ask students to note down the questions from the **Skills check** that they found challenging and/or got incorrect.
- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Vector and scalar quantities, Vectors in one dimension, and Displacement and distance.
 - Confirm through their answers to **Check your understanding** questions 1 to 5 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - Vector quantities have size and direction.
 - Direction in one dimension is captured by +/– signs.
 - The application of Pythagoras's theorem.
- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Velocity and speed
 - Confirm through their answers to the **Check your understanding** questions 6 to 9 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - The use of displacement in calculating velocity, the use of distance in calculating speed.
 - Using linear equations to solve for velocity/speed, displacement/distance, and time given any two of these quantities.
 - The ability to convert between kilometres per hour and metres per second.
- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Distance–time graphs.
 - Confirm through their answers to **Check your understanding** questions 10 to 13 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - How to compare gradients and how to calculate them.
 - How to graph linear data and analyse its features.
 - Finish the lesson by doing a think–pair–share exercise on how one could determine whether a body is experiencing a change in velocity (accelerating).

Topic Kinematics: Acceleration	
Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that a particle's motion in spacetime can be described by position, distance, displacement, (average) speed, (average) velocity, and acceleration. Interpret and calculate data from velocity–time graphs. Apply the speed/velocity/time equations; solve linear equations.
Teaching guide: Lesson 2 Skills:	
Time	1 hour

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- In reference to the **Introduction to kinematics video**, check in with the class about:
 - Everyday use of the words 'acceleration' and 'deceleration'. Point out the correct usage, including the opposing signs for velocity and deceleration.
 - Enquire informally whether students know what it is that all accelerating systems share (the answer being forces), as a precursor to the next lesson.
- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Acceleration.
- Confirm through their answers to **Check your understanding** questions 1 and 2 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - Acceleration is a vector quantity.
 - Applying the change in velocity equation correctly, for example $10 \text{ m s}^{-1} - (-5 \text{ m s}^{-1}) = 15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

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- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Velocity–time graphs.
- Confirm through their answers to the **Check your understanding** questions 3 to 7 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - Why uniform acceleration produces linear velocity–time graphs.

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- Ask the students to read through the lesson material on Area under a velocity–time graph.
- Confirm through their answers to **Check your understanding** questions 8 and 9 that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - The use of basic geometry to calculate the area of rectangles and triangles.
 - Using a calculator to find the square and square root of values.

Topic	Kinematics: Measuring constant velocity
Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculating the arithmetic mean.
Teaching guide:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphing linear, or linearised, data, including gradient, area, and intercepts.
Lesson 3 Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphing and using error bars.
Time	1 hour

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- Do a think–pair–share exercise with students about:
 - How to graph data.
 - How to include error bars on data values.
 - How to draw a best fit line.
 - **Extension:** how to draw a max/min line.

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- In small groups, ask students to read through the material on Measuring constant velocity and Laboratory example: Constant velocity.
- Confirm, through class/small group discussion, that students understand the key concepts and skills:
 - How to graph data.
 - How to include error bars on data values.
 - How to draw a best fit line.
 - **Extension:** how to draw a max/min line.

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- In pairs, ask students to read through and complete the instructions in the material entitled Investigation: Measuring the acceleration due to gravity.
- Follow up either with a discussion of their findings in class or in pairs with the provided solutions.