Chapter 1 Geometry

1-6 Midpoint and Distance in the Coordinate Plane

Objective:

Develop and apply the formula for midpoint

Use the Distance Formula and the Pythagorean theorem to find the distance between two points.

Essential Question:

How can we use distances and midpoints to help plan trips?

Definitions/Terminology

Coordinate Plane: A region that is divided into four regions by a horizontal line (x-axis) and a vertical line (y-axis). The locations, or coordinates, of a point are given by an ordered pair (x, y).





Example 1: Find the coordinates of a midpoint

1A. Find the coordinates of the midpoint of \overline{PQ} with endpoints *P*(-8, 3) and *Q*(-2, 7).



Check it out! Example 1

1a. Find the coordinates of the midpoint of \overline{EF} with endpoints *E*(-2, 3) and *F*(5,

-3).



1Challenge

Find the coordinates of the midpoint of \overline{NB} with endpoints N(p-4, d+1) and B(p+6, 3d-1).

Example 2: Finding the Coordinates of an Endpoint

2A. *M* is the midpoint of \overline{XY} . *X* has coordinates (2, 7) and *M* has coordinates (6,

1). Find the coordinates of Y.



Check it out! Example 2

2a. S is the midpoint of \overline{RT} . *R* has coordinates (-6, -1) and S has coordinates (-1,

1). Find the coordinates of *T*.



2Challenge

S is the midpoint of \overline{RT} . R has coordinates (3n - 8, 2r) and S has coordinates (2n,

1). Find the coordinates of *T*.

Distance Formula

In a coordinate plane, the distance d between two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Example 3: Using the Distance Formula

3A. Find *FG* and *JK*. Then, determine whether $\overline{FG} \cong \overline{JK}$.



Check it out! Example 3

3a. Find *EF* and *GH*. Then, determine whether

 $\overline{EF} \cong \overline{GH}$.



Example 4: Finding Distance in the Coordinate Plane

4A. Use the Distance Formula and the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance, to the nearest tenth, from D(3, 4) to E(-2, -5).

Check it out! Example 4

4a. Use the Distance Formula and the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance, to the nearest tenth, from *R* to *S*. R(3, 2) and S(-3, -1)

4b. Use the Distance Formula and the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance, to the nearest tenth, from *R* to *S*. R(-4, 5) and S(2, -1)