

4.1.3 Bearings

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KEY WORDS bearing

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Objective

Practise bearings within the labelled native lessons. Public original tasks; locally authored answer guidance.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Measuring angles and three-figure bearings · Foundation

Draw a north line at the starting point, then measure clockwise to the route. Write three digits: east 090°, south 180°, west 270°, north 000°. NE, SE, SW and NW are 045°, 135°, 225°, 315°. For the reverse bearing add 180° and reduce modulo 360°. Use a ruler for a stated-scale length and the correct protractor scale for a stated angle.

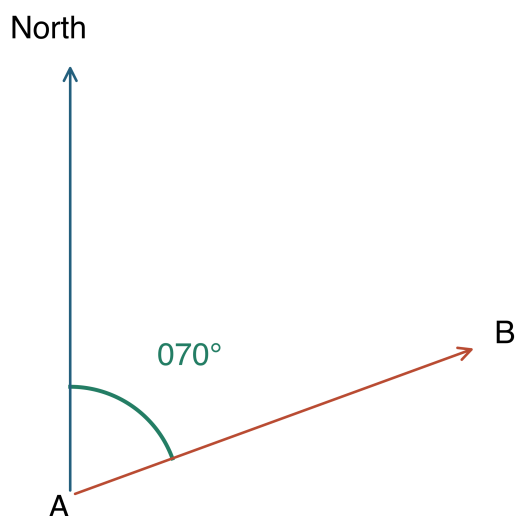
$$b_{\text{reverse}} = (b + 180^\circ) \bmod 360^\circ$$

From A to B the bearing 070° is 70° clockwise from north. From B to A it is 070+180=250°. A bearing of 320° reverses to 500-360=140°. East is 090°, not 90 without its three-digit form. A route bearing 120° points southeast of the starting point, making 30° below east. On a 1:10000 map, a 3 cm route represents 300 m; to construct bearing 120°, place the protractor centre at the route start, align its zero with north and measure clockwise. Keep the ruler scale and angular direction as separate decisions.

A bearing is measured at the departure point, not the destination. Read clockwise from north rather than the acute angle to the nearest compass axis. The back bearing differs by 180°, even when the diagram is oblique.

AQA G15 includes measured lengths/angles, maps, the eight compass directions and three-figure bearings. State which point supplies north and distinguish a numerical bearing from a measured scale distance.

Clockwise from north at A; reverse bearing at B is 250°



Original native-lesson illustration; labels belong to its worked example.

2 Practice

2.1 (Foundation) Find the reverse bearing of 070° .

2.2 (Foundation) Find the reverse bearing of 320° .

2.3 (Foundation) Give the bearing of southeast in degrees.

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Decide whether this claim is true. Justify with a concrete calculation or counterexample: The reverse bearing of 070° is 290° .
