

SECTION

1-2 Measuring Motion

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KEY CONCEPTS

- ▲ A change in position in a certain amount of time is motion.
- ▲ Velocity is speed in a given direction.
- ▲ Speed is the rate at which an object moves.

■ Building Vocabulary Skills: Relating Terms

For each group of terms, write a sentence that shows how the terms are related.

1. position: time: motion

2. speed: motion

3. speed: distance: time

4. velocity: speed

5. time: distance: direction: velocity

■ At a Snail's Pace: Applying the Main Ideas

A snail moves at an average speed of 5 centimeters per minute (5 cm/min). Individual snails, however, may move at somewhat faster or slower speeds. To prove this point, three snails decide to have a race. They agree to race the length of a meter stick from 0 cm to 100 cm. They line up the meter stick from east to west on a smooth patch of grass. At the finish line, they place some tasty lettuce leaves for the winning snail to eat.

The race begins at 10 AM sharp. Figure 1 shows the lineup of the snails.

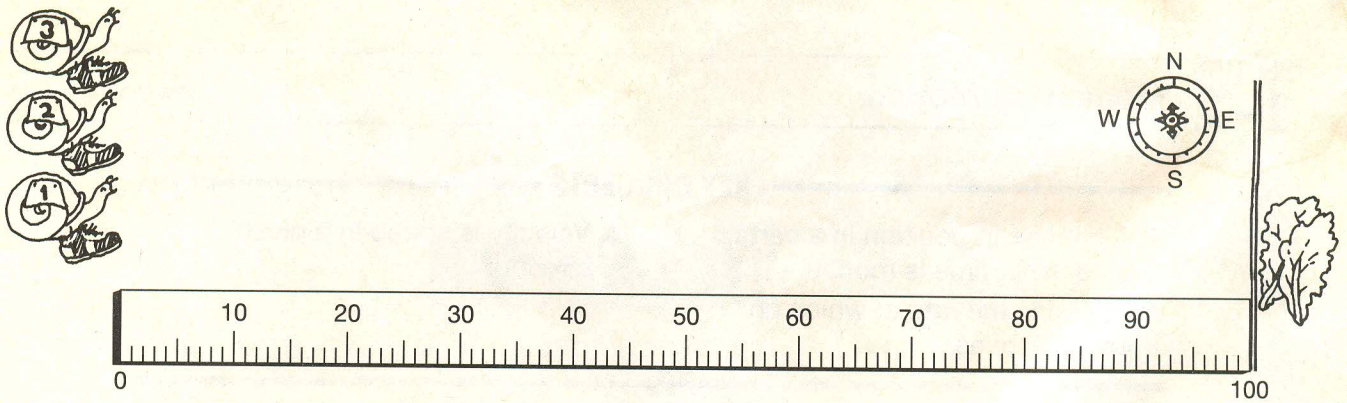
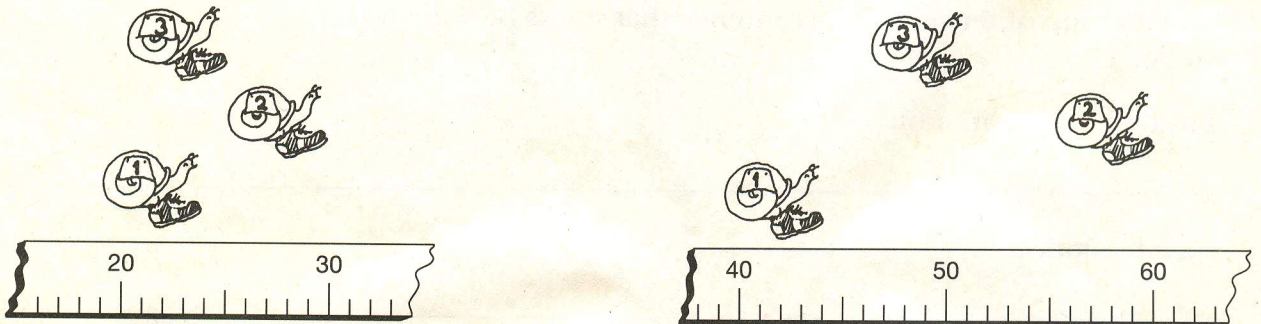


Figure 2 shows the positions of the snails after the first 5 minutes of the race. Figure 3 shows their positions after the second 5 minutes.



1. Determine the distance that each snail traveled between 10:05 AM and 10:10 AM.

Snail 1: _____

Snail 2: _____

Snail 3: _____

2. Calculate the average speed for each snail.

Snail 1: _____

Snail 2: _____

Snail 3: _____

3. What is each snail's velocity during this time period?

Snail 1: _____

Snail 2: _____

Snail 3: _____

4. A person watching the race noticed that at exactly 10:05 AM an ant wandered onto the snails' meterstick. The ant crawled onto the 94-cm mark and reached the 50-cm mark at exactly 10:04 AM. What was the velocity of the ant?
