## Chapter 1.2-1.3

## The Scientific Method and Speed

## Scientific Method

- Scientific method is a process that is used to gather evidence
- Scientific evidence is any observations that can be repeated with the same result
- Variables are factors that effect the result of an experiment. In an experiment you change on variable at a time and observe what happens


## Scientific Method



## Speed

- Speed of an object is a measure of how quickly the object gets from one place to another



## Calculating Speed

- Speed is the distance traveled divided by the time taken.
- The units for speed are a ratio of distance units over time units.

| Distance | Time | Speed | Abbrevlation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| meters | seconds | meters per second | $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{sec}$ |
| kilometers | hours | kilometers per hour | $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| centimeters | seconds | centimeters per second | $\mathrm{cm} / \mathrm{sec}$ |
| miles | hours | miles per hour | mph |
| inches | seconds | inches per second | $\mathrm{in} / \mathrm{sec}, \mathrm{ips}$ |
| feet | minutes | feet per minute | $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{fpm}$ |

## Equation

- $\mathrm{s}=$ speed
- d=distance
- $\mathrm{t}=$ time

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s=\frac{d}{t}
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Speed is a single measurement that tells how fast you are going. Velocity is your speed and the direction you are going

## Homework 13

- Three group of students are doing car and ramp experiments. Each group does three identical releases of the car and measures the following times from photogate A to photogate B. Which group did the best experiment and why?

| Gruup 1 | Group 2 | Gruap 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.2315 seconds | 0.2442 seconds | 0.2315 seconds |
| 0.2442 seconds | 0.2437 seconds | 0.2202 seconds |
| 0.3007 seconds | 0.2443 seconds | 0.2255 seconds |

## Homework 18

- A cross-country runner runs 60 km in 45 minutes. What is his average speed?


## Homework 26

- A high speed train travels with an average speed of $270 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. The train travels for 10 hr. How far does the train travel?

