

Drawing circles

- 1. The distance around a circle is called the circumference
- 2. The widest distance across a circle is called the diameter
- 2. To work out the circumference use the following help

Circumference = diameter × 3.14

The following questions should be answered using the resource sheet on page 2.

1. Label the parts of the circle on the resource sheet on page 2.

2. Use a pair of compasses to draw a circle with :
(i) a radius of 3cm
(ii) a radius of 4.5cm
(iii) Write down the diameter of each circle you have drawn above

3. Draw a circle with a radius of 5cm.

Use the help box at the top of the page to work out the circumference of your circle.

Challenge :

Can you draw a circle with a circumference of 30cm? How wide should your pair of compasses be? (Use the back of the resource sheet to draw it)



Useful help : Circumference ÷ 3.14 = diameter.

Diameter ÷ 2 = radius (this is your compass width)

RESOURCE SHEET



Diameter =cm

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3.

Circumference of the circle = cm