## TRIGONOMETRYHOW TO ... ?Y 10

- Draw a diagram (if it is a 3D problem, it is often useful to go back to 2D by drawing only part of the situation, like only a triangle of interest or only what you see from above. Then work from this diagram which illustrates a 2D situation.)
- Write on it all the relevant information
- Give a name to the quantity you are looking for and add it to your diagram

then :

In order to	you may use
<b>find a side</b> in a right angled triangle	<ul> <li>All the methods that work in any triangle and</li> <li>Pythagoras' s theorem</li> <li>SOH CAH TOA</li> </ul>
<b>find an angle</b> in a right angled triangle	<ul> <li>All the methods that work in any triangle and</li> <li>SOH CAH TOA and then sin<sup>-1</sup>, or cos<sup>-1</sup> or tan<sup>-1</sup> the calculator gives you the result (SHIFT cos)</li> </ul>
solve a problem involving <b>bearings</b>	<ul> <li>Draw a diagram</li> <li>To draw a bearing <i>from A</i>, first draw on a compass rose <i>centred at A</i>. Then draw the bearing. Remember that bearings are measured from the North, turning clockwise)</li> <li>Alternate angles on parallel lines are equal (Z shape)</li> <li>co-interior angles</li> <li>all the "right angled triangle tools."</li> </ul>
<b>find an angle</b> in a triangle (not necessarily right angled)	<ul> <li>the cosine rule, if you know 3 sides.</li> <li>the sine rule, if you know two sides and another angle.</li> <li>Angles in a triangle add up to 180°, if you know or can determine 2 angles.</li> <li>Alternate angles on parallel lines are equal (Z shape)</li> <li>co-interior angles</li> </ul>
<b>find a side</b> in a triangle (not necessarily right angled)	<ul> <li>the cosine rule, if you know 2 sides and the angle between them</li> <li>the sine rule, if you know two angles and another side.</li> </ul>