Activities in Geometry

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- What is Geometry?
- What do we teach in geometry in school?
- What geometric constructions are there in the curriculum?

 A point moves so that it is always at a fixed distance d from a given point P. What is its locus? • A point moves so that it is at a fixed distance d from a given straight line I. What is its locus?

• Perpendicular bisector

 A moving point remains at equal distance from two given parallel straight lines m and n; what is its locus? A moving point remains at equal distance from two given intersecting straight lines I and m; what is its locus? • Two vertices, A and B, of the triangle ABC are marked for you. Angle C, opposite to the side AB, is also given. Construct triangle ABC.

• The triangle is not deter-mined, since the point C can vary. What is the locus of the point C?

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 Construct a ΔABC given the length of BC, the length of the altitude (hA) from A to BC and the length of the median from A to BC (mA). Construct a ΔABC given the length of BC, the length of the altitude (hA) from A to BC and angle A.

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