2.3. Parallel and perpendicular

Look around you.

Describe five pairs of parallel lines that you can see. Use a ruler to check that the distance between the lines is always the same.

Describe five pairs of perpendicular lines that you can see.

Use a right-angle checker to check that the lines meet at 90°.

Look and learn

◆Parallel:

lines that are always the same distance apart.

◆Perpendicular:

lines that intersect (cross over) at right angles.

Right angle: an angle measuring 90°.



Which of the letters below have pairs of parallel lines?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

