Point, Line Segment

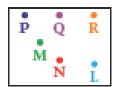
Take your pencil, Sharpen it and place some dots on paper.

A small dot made by the pencil tip on a paper is known as a point.

A point determines an exact location. It is denoted by capital letters.

•A Here 'A' is a point.

Some more examples:



Place some points here and name them.

Line Segment

When two points are joined, the shortest distance between them is called the line segment between two points.

For example, let us join points X and Y. We can join them in many ways as shown by lines. 1, 2 and 3 in the figure below.

Lines 1 and 3 are curved lines and line 2 is a straight line.

Can all the three lines be called line segments? No, out of lines 1, 2 and 3, line 2 is the shortest So, line 2 is the line segment XY. It is written as XY.

We can say that when two points are joined by a straight line, a line segment is formed.

Hence, a line segment has a starting and an end point.