Right Angles -- Geometry

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Determine the answer to each definition or postulate below. Then write the word in the 11 by 11 matrix using the following rules:

- 1. Each word makes one right-angle turn somewhere along its length. But you must determine where each word makes this turn and in which direction.
- 2. As a guide, the starting direction (i.e., the direction of the word before its right angle turn) of each answer is indicated by the letter given after the clue number.
- 3. Words can go North, South, East, or West to start with. For example, 1E begins on square 1 and heads East.
- 4. Each letter in the correctly completed grid appears in only one word.

1S in a triangle, the segment drawn from a vertex perpendicular to the opposite side

2N the side opposite the right angle in a right triangle

3E the union of two noncollinear rays with a common endpoint

4E two lines which intersect at a right angle

5E the number of lines which, through a given point, can be drawn parallel to a given line

6W a quadrilateral with two sides parallel

7N an equilateral quadrilateral

8S part of a circle

9W the side in a figure to which an altitude is drawn

10W points which lie in the same plane are called ______

11N a triangle with all sides congruent

12W two lines which are not parallel and do not intersect

13N the most basic of the three undefined terms in Euclidean geometry

14W in a triangle, the segment joining a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side

15N the property which states that an number is equal to itself

16S a quadrilateral with two pairs of adjacent sides congruent

17W the set of points in a plane at a fixed distance from a given point

18W the segment joining the center of a circle with a point on the circle

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