## **PENNYWORTH PROJECTILE PRACTICE PROBLEMS (PPPP)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**: For each of the following problems, please

- Draw a picture to show each situation
- List the given information including units and variables
- Identify the equation(s) you will use in variable form
- Solve the problem and make sure you use the correct units
- 1. Alfred aims his potato gun horizontally at a target 90.0 meters away. He lines the bull's eye up in the sights. The potato leaves the gun with a horizontal velocity of 200. m/s.
  - a. How much time does it take the potato to reach the target?
  - b. Does Alfred hit the bull's eye (assuming the left-right aim is good)? If not, by how much does he miss?
  - 2. Bruce is out in an open flat grassy field. He holds the potato gun 1.25 meters off of the ground and fires it horizontally. The potato leaves the gun with a velocity of 300. m/s.
    - a. How far will the bullet travel horizontally before hitting the ground?
    - b. After 0.25 seconds of falling, what are the horizontal and vertical components of its velocity?
    - 3. Richard is sitting on the flat ground with his potato gun. He aims it at  $30^{\circ}$  from the horizontal and fires the potato with a velocity of 300. m/s.
      - a. What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity just as it is fired?
      - b. What are the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity at the top of its path?
      - c. How much time does it take to reach the top of its path?
      - d. How much time does it stay in the air?
      - e. How far away from Richard does the potato hit the ground?
    - 4. Gordon is sitting on top of a 200. meter high cliff with his potato gun. He fires it at 40° from the horizontal with a velocity of 300. m/s.
      - a. What are the horizontal and vertical components of its velocity when it is fired?
      - b. How much time does it take to reach its peak height?
      - c. How much time does it take to reach the ground?
      - d. What is its vertical component just before it hits the ground?
      - e. How far (horizontally) away from the cliff does the potato hit the ground?