## Lesson 11: Constant Rate

## Classwork

## Example 1

Pauline mows a lawn at a constant rate. Suppose she mows a 35 -square-foot lawn in 2.5 minutes. What area, in square feet, can she mow in 10 minutes? $t$ minutes?

| $t$ (time in <br> minutes) | Linear Equation: | $y$ (area in <br> square feet) |
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## Example 2

Water flows at a constant rate out of a faucet. Suppose the volume of water that comes out in three minutes is 10.5 gallons. How many gallons of water come out of the faucet in $t$ minutes?
$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline \boldsymbol{t} \text { (time in } \\
\text { minutes) }\end{array} \quad$ Linear Equation: \(\left.\begin{array}{c}\boldsymbol{V} (in <br>

gallons)\end{array}\right]\)| 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |
| 3 |  |
| 4 |  |



## Exercises

1. Juan types at a constant rate. He can type a full page of text in $3 \frac{1}{2}$ minutes. We want to know how many pages, $p$, Juan can type after $t$ minutes.
a. Write the linear equation in two variables that represents the number of pages Juan types in any given time interval.
b. Complete the table below. Use a calculator, and round your answers to the tenths place.

| $\boldsymbol{t}$ (time in minutes) | Linear Equation: | $\boldsymbol{p}$ (pages typed) |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 0 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |

c. Graph the data on a coordinate plane.


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d. About how long would it take Juan to type a 5-page paper? Explain.
2. Emily paints at a constant rate. She can paint 32 square feet in 5 minutes. What area, $A$, in square feet, can she paint in $t$ minutes?
a. Write the linear equation in two variables that represents the number of square feet Emily can paint in any given time interval.
b. Complete the table below. Use a calculator, and round answers to the tenths place.

| $\boldsymbol{t}$ (time in minutes) | Linear Equation: | $\boldsymbol{A}$ (area painted in <br> square feet) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |

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c. Graph the data on a coordinate plane.

d. About how many square feet can Emily paint in $2 \frac{1}{2}$ minutes? Explain.
3. Joseph walks at a constant speed. He walked to a store that is one-half mile away in 6 minutes. How many miles, $m$, can he walk in $t$ minutes?
a. Write the linear equation in two variables that represents the number of miles Joseph can walk in any given time interval, $t$.
b. Complete the table below. Use a calculator, and round answers to the tenths place.

| $\boldsymbol{t}$ (time in minutes) | Linear Equation: | $\boldsymbol{m}$ (distance in miles) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |
| 90 |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |

c. Graph the data on a coordinate plane.

d. Joseph's friend lives 4 miles away from him. About how long would it take Joseph to walk to his friend's house? Explain.

## Lesson Summary

When constant rate is stated for a given problem, then you can express the situation as a two-variable equation. The equation can be used to complete a table of values that can then be graphed on a coordinate plane.

## Problem Set

1. A train travels at a constant rate of 45 miles per hour.
a. What is the distance, $d$, in miles, that the train travels in $t$ hours?
b. How many miles will it travel in 2.5 hours?
2. Water is leaking from a faucet at a constant rate of $\frac{1}{3}$ gallon per minute.
a. What is the amount of water, $w$, in gallons per minute, that is leaked from the faucet after $t$ minutes?
b. How much water is leaked after an hour?
3. A car can be assembled on an assembly line in 6 hours. Assume that the cars are assembled at a constant rate.
a. How many cars, $y$, can be assembled in $t$ hours?
b. How many cars can be assembled in a week?
4. A copy machine makes copies at a constant rate. The machine can make 80 copies in $2 \frac{1}{2}$ minutes.
a. Write an equation to represent the number of copies, $n$, that can be made over any time interval in minutes, $t$.
b. Complete the table below.

| $\boldsymbol{t}$ (time in minutes) | Linear Equation: | $\boldsymbol{n}$ (number of copies) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 |  |  |
| 0.25 |  |  |
| 0.5 |  |  |
| 0.75 |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |

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d. The copy machine runs for 20 seconds and then jams. About how many copies were made before the jam occurred? Explain.
5. Connor runs at a constant rate. It takes him 34 minutes to run 4 miles.
a. Write the linear equation in two variables that represents the number of miles Connor can run in any given time interval in minutes, $t$.
b. Complete the table below. Use a calculator, and round answers to the tenths place.

| $\boldsymbol{t}$ (time in minutes) | Linear Equation: | $\boldsymbol{m}$ (distance in miles) |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 0 |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |
| 45 |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |

c. Graph the data on a coordinate plane.

d. Connor ran for 40 minutes before tripping and spraining his ankle. About how many miles did he run before he had to stop? Explain.

