

Lesson 32: Multi-Step Problems in the Real World

Classwork

Opening Exercise

Xin is buying beverages for a party that come in packs of 8. Let p be the number of packages Xin buys and t be the total number of beverages. The equation $t = 8p$ can be used to calculate the total number of beverages when the number of packages is known. Determine the independent and dependent variables in this scenario. Then, make a table using whole number values of p less than 6.

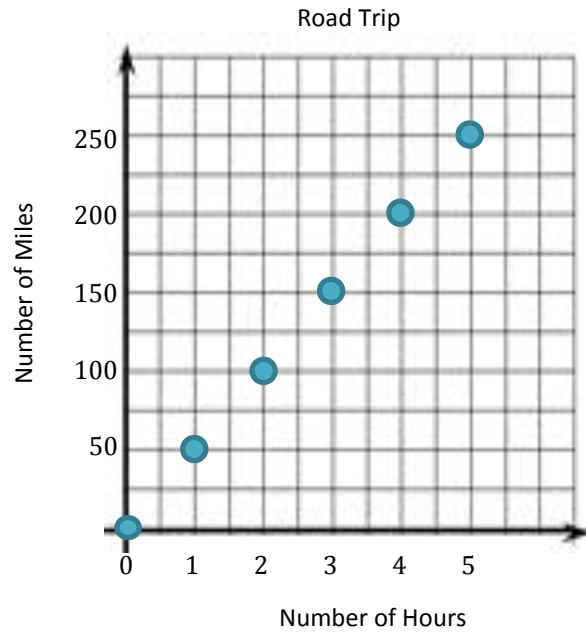
Number of Packages (p)	Total Number of Beverages ($t = 8p$)
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Example 1

Make a graph for the table in the Opening Exercise.

Example 2

Use the graph to determine which variable is the independent variable and which is the dependent variable. Then, state the relationship between the quantities represented by the variables.



Exercises

- Each week Quentin earns \$30. If he saves this money, create a graph that shows the total amount of money Quentin has saved from week 1 through week 8. Write an equation that represents the relationship between the number of weeks that Quentin has saved his money, w , and the total amount of money in dollars that he has saved, s . Then, name the independent and dependent variables. Write a sentence that shows this relationship.

2. Zoe is collecting books to donate. She started with 3 books and collects two more each week. She is using the equation $b = 2w + 3$, where b is the total number of books collected and w is the number of weeks she has been collecting books. Name the independent and dependent variables. Then, create a graph to represent how many books Zoe has collected when w is 5 or less.

3. Eliana plans to visit the fair. She must pay \$5 to enter the fairgrounds and an additional \$3 per ride. Write an equation to show the relationship between r , the number of rides, and t , the total cost in dollars. State which variable is dependent and which is independent. Then, create a graph that models the equation.

Problem Set

1. Caleb started saving money in a cookie jar. He started with \$25. He adds \$10 to the cookie jar each week. Write an equation where w is the number of weeks Caleb saves his money and t is the total amount in dollars in the cookie jar. Determine which variable is the independent variable and which is the dependent variable. Then, graph the total amount in the cookie jar for w being less than 6 weeks.

2. Kevin is taking a taxi from the airport to his home. There is a \$6 flat fee for riding in the taxi. In addition, Kevin must also pay \$1 per mile. Write an equation where m is the number of miles and t is the total cost in dollars of the taxi ride. Determine which variable is independent and which is dependent. Then, graph the total cost for m being less than 6 miles.

3. Anna started with \$10. She saved an additional \$5 each week. Write an equation that can be used to determine the total amount saved in dollars, t , after a given number of weeks, w . Determine which variable is independent and which is dependent. Then, graph the total amount saved for the first 8 weeks.

4. Aliyah is purchasing produce at the farmers’ market. She plans to buy \$10 worth of potatoes and some apples. The apples cost \$1.50 per pound. Write an equation to show the total cost of the produce, where T is the total cost, in dollars, and a is the number of pounds of apples. Determine which variable is dependent and which is independent. Then, graph the equation on the coordinate plane.

