

# 1.3

## Modeling with Linear Functions

For use with Exploration 1.3

**Essential Question** How can you use a linear function to model and analyze a real-life situation?

### 1 EXPLORATION: Modeling with a Linear Function

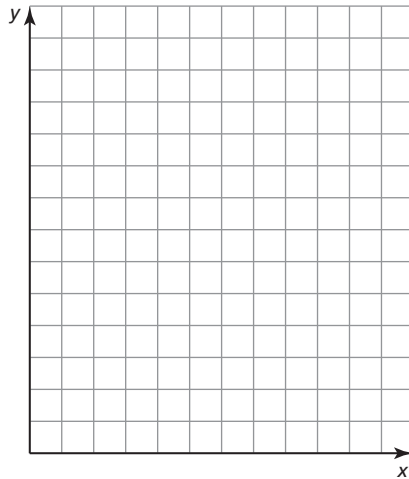
Go to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

**Work with a partner.** A company purchases a copier for \$12,000. The spreadsheet shows how the copier depreciates over an 8-year period.

	A	B
1	Year, $t$	Value, $V$
2	0	\$12,000
3	1	\$10,750
4	2	\$9,500
5	3	\$8,250
6	4	\$7,000
7	5	\$5,750
8	6	\$4,500
9	7	\$3,250
10	8	\$2,000
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- a. Write a linear function to represent the value  $V$  of the copier as a function of the number  $t$  of years.

- b. Sketch a graph of the function. Explain why this type of depreciation is called *straight line depreciation*.



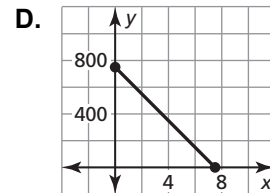
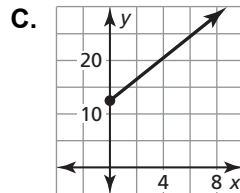
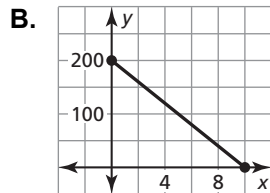
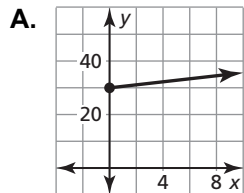
- c. Interpret the slope of the graph in the context of the problem.

**1.3 Modeling with Linear Functions (continued)**

**2 EXPLORATION: Modeling with Linear Functions**

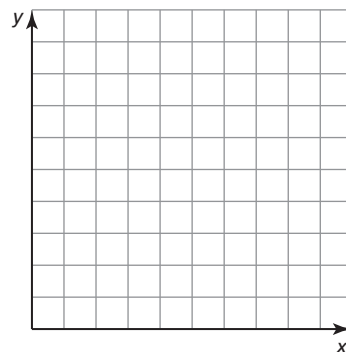
**Work with a partner.** Match each description of the situation with its corresponding graph. Explain your reasoning.

- a. A person gives \$20 per week to a friend to repay a \$200 loan.
- b. An employee receives \$12.50 per hour plus \$2 for each unit produced per hour.
- c. A sales representative receives \$30 per day for food plus \$0.565 for each mile driven.
- d. A computer that was purchased for \$750 depreciates \$100 per year.



**Communicate Your Answer**

- 3. How can you use a linear function to model and analyze a real-life situation?
- 4. Use the Internet or some other reference to find a real-life example of straight line depreciation.
  - a. Use a spreadsheet to show the depreciation.
  - b. Write a function that models the depreciation.
  - c. Sketch a graph of the function.



**1.3****Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 1.3

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

line of fit

line of best fit

correlation coefficient

**Core Concepts****Writing an Equation of a Line**

**Given slope  $m$  and  $y$ -intercept  $b$**  Use slope-intercept form:

$$y = mx + b$$

**Given slope  $m$  and a point  $(x_1, y_1)$**  Use point-slope form:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

**Given points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$**  First use the slope formula to find  $m$ .  
Then use point-slope form with either given point.

**Notes:**

**1.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**

**Finding a Line of Fit**

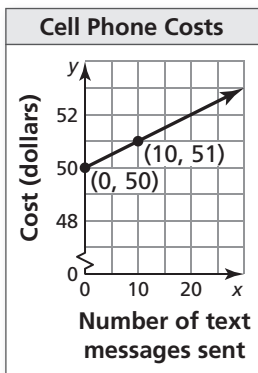
- Step 1** Create a scatter plot of the data.
- Step 2** Sketch the line that most closely appears to follow the trend given by the data points. There should be about as many points above the line as below it.
- Step 3** Choose two points on the line and estimate the coordinates of each point. These points do not have to be original data points.
- Step 4** Write an equation of the line that passes through the two points from Step 3. This equation is a model for the data.

**Notes:**

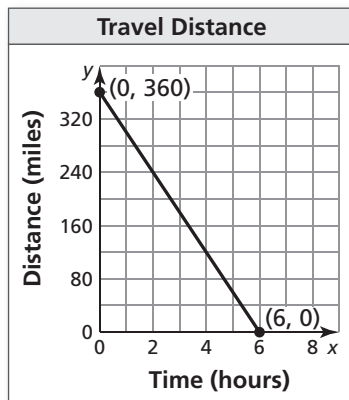
**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–3, use the graph to write an equation of the line and interpret the slope.

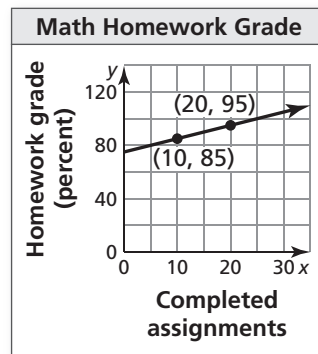
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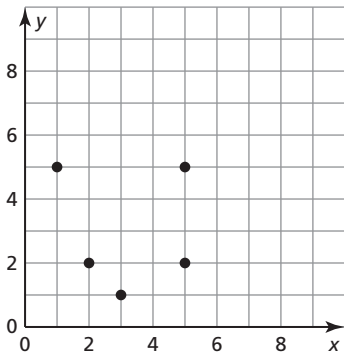
**1.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**

4. The cost of parking in a parking garage in Chicago is represented by the equation  $y = 15x + 20$  where  $y$  is the total cost (in dollars) and  $x$  is the time (in hours). The table shows the total cost to park in a parking garage in Denver. Which city's parking garage charges more per hour and by how much more? After how many hours would parking in both cities cost the same?

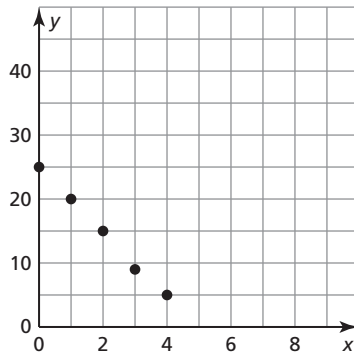
<b>Hours, <math>x</math></b>	2	3	4	5
<b>Cost, <math>y</math></b>	43	51	59	67

In Exercises 5–7, use the *linear regression* feature on a graphing calculator to find an equation of the line of best fit for the data. Find and interpret the correlation coefficient.

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