

learning focus:

- ✓ identify functions and classify as linear or non-linear
- ✓ write, compare and interpret functions
- ✓ analyze functions and graphs, including distance vs time graphs

FUNCTIONS UNIT

8 DAY CCSS-ALIGNED UNIT

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**ready-to-go, scaffolded
student materials**

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concepts

Unit: Functions
Student Handout 1

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IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONS

A donut shop has a small vending machine with the items shown.

	A	B
1	MILK	CHOC. MILK
2	ORANGE JUICE	APPLE JUICE

- If Nate inputs B2, what will he receive?
- If Mia inputs A2, what will she receive?
- If 5 people in a row input B1, what should each receive?

FUNCTIONS

- A function is a relation _____ . Each _____
- A graph that is a function _____ line _____

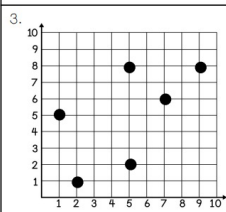
- Would a vending machine like the one shown be a function?

- A customer chose A3 and received fruit milk, would the vending machine represent a function?

Determine if each representation shows a function.

1.

x	-2	-1	0	1
y	7	1	-1	1

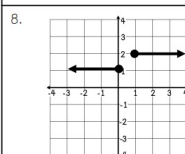
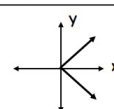


Determine if each representation is a function by writing "yes" or "no." Justify your answers.

5. $\{(3, 7), (4, 7), (5, 7), (6, 7)\}$

6.

x	-7	-5	-7	5
y	1	3	-1	13



10. The set of ordered pairs shown is

$\{(9, -1)\}$

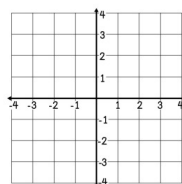
- Give an example of an x-value that _____
- Give an example of an x-value that _____

Create your own examples and non-examples.

EXAMPLES

$\{(_, _), (_, _), (_, _)\}$

x					
y					



Summarize today's lesson:

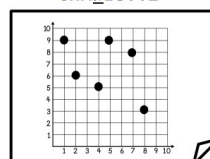
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Homework 1

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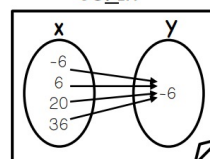
IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONS

Students were asked to create a representation of y as a function of x. Circle the names of the students who correctly completed the task. Then, unscramble the underlined letters of the circled names to answer the question at the bottom.

CHARLOTTE



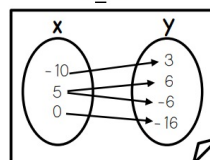
SOFIA



DESHAUN

$\{(-6, 7), (-1, 4), (2, 9), (-6, 11)\}$

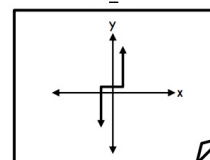
JACE



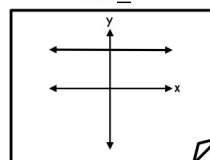
NATHAN

x	-4	0	5	11
y	-8	-13	-4	14

COLBY



ABBY



ORLANDO

$\{(9, -2), (7, 5), (4, -3), (-9, 6)\}$

STEPHANIE

x	-4	0	7	-4
y	6	0	-2	-6

WHAT IS THE ONLY NUMBER WHOSE LETTERS ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER?

self-checking
practice

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streamline your planning process with unit overviews

FUNCTIONS OVERVIEW



STANDARDS

- 8.F.1** Understand that a function is a rule that assigns to each input exactly one output. The graph of a function is the set of ordered pairs consisting of an input and the corresponding output.
- 8.F.2** Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions).
- 8.F.3** Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear.
- 8.F.4** Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities. Determine the rate of change and initial value of a function from a description of a relationship or from two (x, y) values, including reading these from a table or from a graph. Interpret the rate of change and initial value of a linear function in terms of the situation it models, and in terms of its graph or a table of values.
- 8.F.5** Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally.

BIG IDEAS

- A relationship is a function if it passes the vertical line test.
- Functions are either linear or nonlinear.
- Functions can be described in many ways.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can you determine if a relationship is a function?
- What distinguishes a linear function from a nonlinear function?
- What pieces of information are needed to describe a function?
- How can you analyze a graph?

FUNCTIONS UNIT PACING GUIDE



DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Identifying Functions	Linear vs. Non-Linear Functions	Writing Equations of Linear Functions	Functions Quiz	Applying Linear Functions
Student Handout 1 Homework 1	Student Handout 2 Homework 2			
DAY 6	DAY 7			
Analyzing Functions and Graphs	Functions Study Guide			
Student Handout 5 Homework 5	Review			

FUNCTIONS UNIT OVERVIEW



TOPIC	TEACHING TIPS
Identifying Functions	• An analogy I like to give students is a vending machine. A "functioning" vending machine means that for any button I press, only one item should dispense. There can be more than one button for a particular item, but any chosen button (input) should only dispense one particular item (output).
Comparing Functions	• Visit www.buzzmath.com , and search "Comparing Functions". Click on the Common Core 8 th Grade button, and you'll find an activity where students can compare functions and check their answers as they go. (Students can complete the activity as a "guest" and therefore do not have to have an account.)
Linear vs. Non-Linear Functions	• Display a list of equations (linear and non-linear) at the beginning of the lesson, and have students predict which they think are linear functions. Then, have them compare their predictions at the end of the lesson. If time allows, have groups create a table and a graph for each equation to demonstrate whether it is linear or not.
Distance vs. Time Graphs	• Visit http://davidwees.com/graphgame/ for a fun and challenging game where students move a stickman to try and match a distance vs. time graph. The game also keeps score giving you the option of making it a competition among students.

teaching
ideas

✓ key vocabulary
✓ vertical alignment

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pacing
calendar

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unit study guide + assessments



quizzes



editable unit test

Unit: Functions
Quiz 1

Name _____
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QUIZ: FUNCTIONS

For questions 1-2, determine whether the representation is a function by writing "yes" or "no."

1.

x	-2	-1	1	2
y	4	1	1	4

2.

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Review

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FUNCTIONS STUDY GUIDE

Solve each of the problems below. Be sure to ask questions if you need more help with a topic.

I CAN IDENTIFY FUNCTIONS.

1. Does the set of ordered pairs represent a function? Explain.
{(6, -6), (7, -6), (8, -6), (9, -6)}

2. Does the table represent a function? Explain.

x	-2	0	2
y	0.2	2	3.8

3. Does the graph represent a function? Explain.

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UNIT FIVE: ANSWER KEY

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answer keys
included

