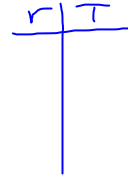


Lesson 2

Types of Representations

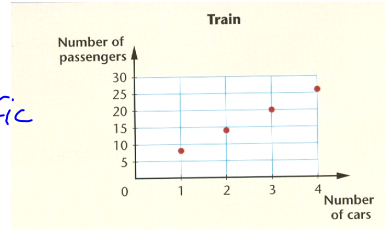
Ways to represent situations (textbook page 12)

- word description
- drawing
- table of values (lesson 4) →
- graph
- rule (lesson 4)

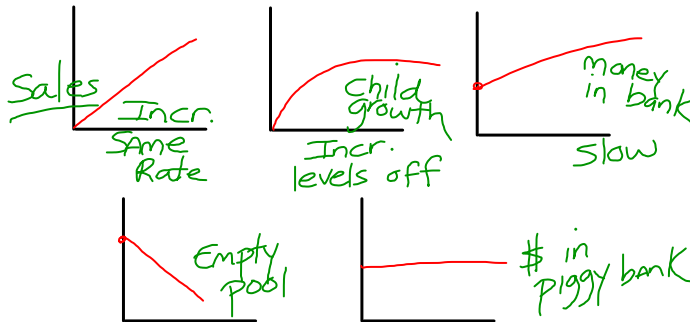


Graphs

- story
- info. specific
- quick
- easy



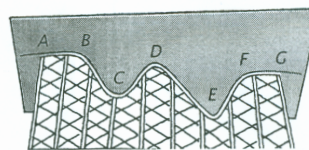
Describing Graphs



Roller coaster



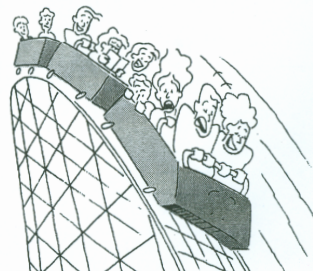
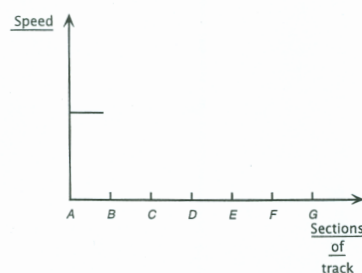
This drawing shows a section of a roller coaster track. Note that the roller coaster's speed is constant from point A to point B.



- a) Complete these sentences to show how the roller coaster's speed varies between points A and G.

The roller coaster's speed is _____ from A to B. It _____ from B to C, then _____ between C and D. It _____ again from D to E and then _____ from E to F. Finally, the speed becomes _____ once again from F to G.

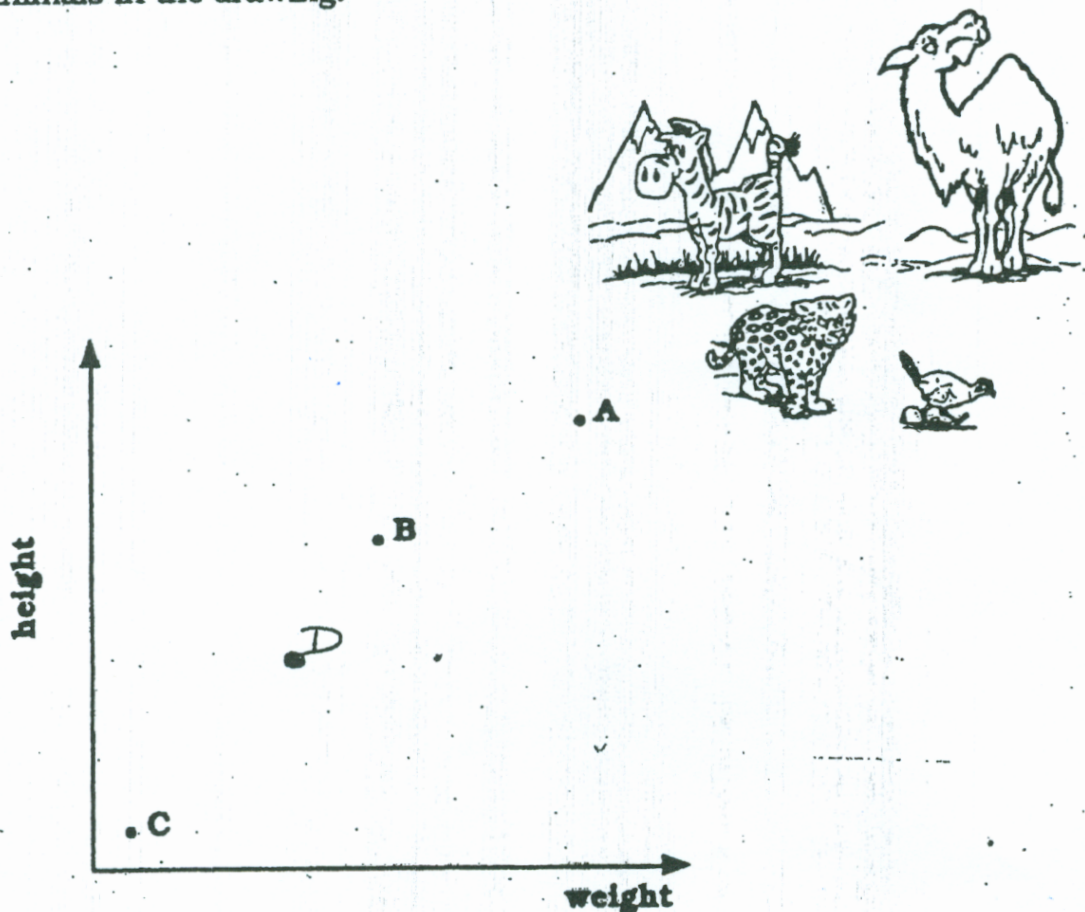
- b) Complete the graph to show the relationship between the different sections of the track and the speed of the roller coaster.



Interpreting Data:

Activity 1 Translating From One Mode of Representation to Another

The points named on the graph tell us about the heights and weights of the animals in the drawing.



- What are the two variables shown in the graph?
- Decide which point matches each animal.
- Write a short paragraph to explain your choices.

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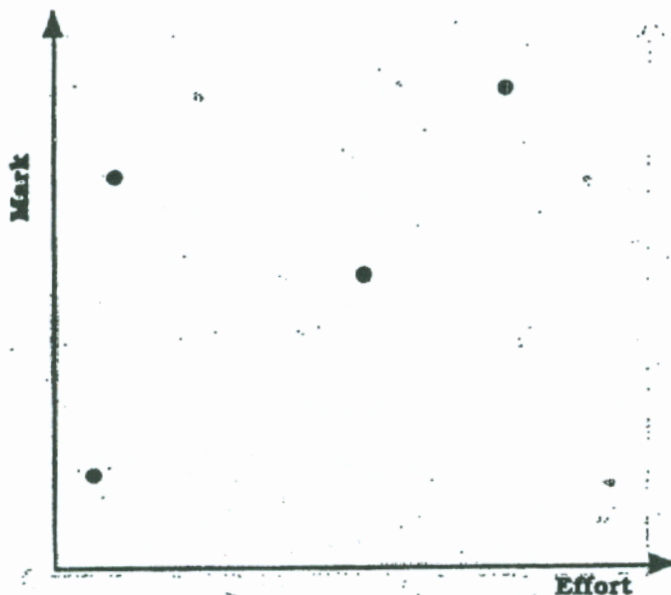
Activity 2

The points named on the graph below describe the school report cards for ⁴five students.

(a) Here are some comments the teacher wrote on their reports:

- Ravi has not worked very hard this term. This has resulted in an extremely poor mark on his report.
- Frank is a very capable student, as his mark clearly shows. His concentration and behaviour in class are very poor. With more effort he could do very well in this subject.
- Charles has worked very well this term and deserves this marvellous mark. Bravo!
- Andre has worked reasonably well this term, and has achieved a satisfactory test mark.

Write each of the names Ravi, Frank, Charles and Andre next to the point you think it matches. Explain your reasoning.



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