

Independent and Dependent Quantities

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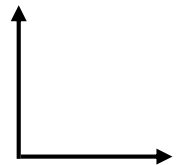
Independent quantity: a quantity whose value _____ the value of another quantity.

How can you identify dependent and independent quantities from a table or graph?

The Question to Ask is . . . Does a change in the value of ___ depend on a change in the value of ___?

When looking at a **graph**,

- Independent quantities _____
- Dependent quantities _____



When looking at a **table**,

- Independent quantities _____
- Dependent quantities _____

Example 1: Grace makes \$15.00 for each hour she works as a game designer. Use the table and graph to show how much she makes after working certain lengths of time.

The independent quantity (x-value) is _____

The dependent quantity (y-value) is _____

Equation			
Complete the table		Graph the Situation	
x	$15 \cdot x$	y	Ordered pair
2			
4			
8			
10			

Example 2: Mya practice her guitar 20 minutes every day. This can be represented by the equation $t=20d$.

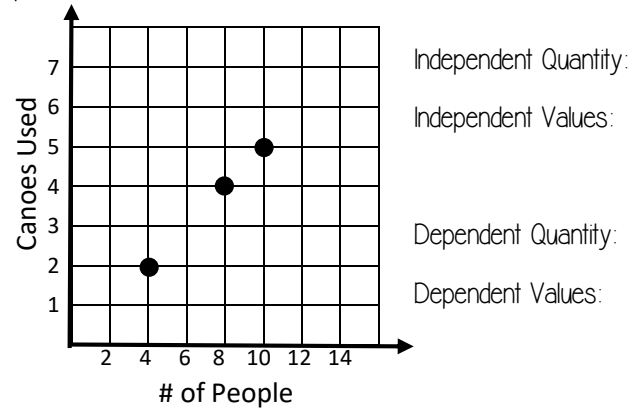
What is the independent quantity? _____

What is the dependent quantity? _____

How many minutes would she have practiced after 7 days?

If she has practiced for 4 hours, how many days have elapsed?

Example 3: Identify the independent and dependent quantities from the graph.



Create a table from the information in the graph.

Write an equation to describe the situation.

Example 4: Which situation best describes the relationship between all the values of x and y in the table?

x	y
0	50
2	52
4	54
6	56

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- B. Kim has fifty times the number of pens that John has.
- C. Carter exercised fifty minutes one week and two more every week after that.
- D. Abby had fifty squishes and then bought two more every two weeks.

Answer Key

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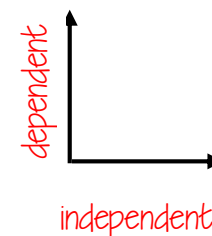
Independent quantity: a quantity whose value *changes* the value of another quantity.

How can you identify dependent and independent quantities from a table or graph?

The Question to Ask is ... Does a change in the value of ___ depend on a change in the value of ___?

When looking at a **graph**,

- Independent quantities *x-values*
- Dependent quantities *y-values*



When looking at a **table**,

- Independent quantities *input*
- Dependent quantities *output*

Example 1: Grace makes \$15.00 for each hour she works as a game designer. Use the table and graph to show how much she makes after working certain lengths of time.

The independent quantity (x-value) is *the number of hours she works*

The dependent quantity (y-value) is *money she will make*

Equation $y = 15x$

Complete the **table**

x	$15 \cdot x$	y	Ordered pair
2	$15 \cdot 2$	30	(2,30)
4	$15 \cdot 4$	60	(4,60)
8	$15 \cdot 8$	120	(8,120)
10	$15 \cdot 10$	150	(10,150)

Graph the Situation

Example 2: Mya practice her guitar 20 minutes every day. This can be represented by the equation $t=20d$.

What is the independent quantity? *The # of days she practiced*

What is the dependent quantity? *The total time she practiced*

How many minutes would she have practiced after 7 days?

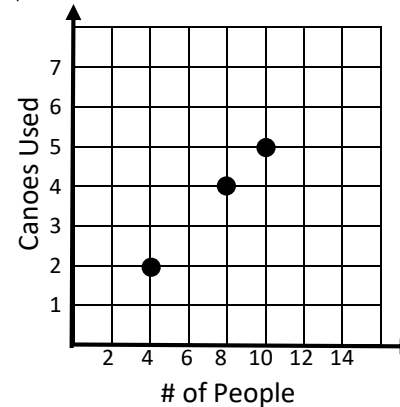
$$t = 20d \rightarrow t = 20 \cdot 14 \rightarrow t = 280 \text{ minutes}$$

If she has practiced for 4 hours, how many days have elapsed?

Since 4 hours = 240 minutes, plug in 240 minutes as t.

$$t = 20d \rightarrow 240 = 20 \cdot d \rightarrow d = 12 \text{ days}$$

Example 3: Identify the independent and dependent quantities from the graph.



Independent Quantity: *# of people*

Independent Values: *4, 8, 10*

Dependent Quantity: *canoes used*

Dependent Values: *2, 4, 5*

Create a table from the information in the graph.

x	4	8	10
y	2	4	5

Write an equation to describe the situation.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x \text{ or } y = \frac{x}{2}$$

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