

Unit 4 Lesson 4: Using Function Notation to Describe Rules (Part 1)

1 Notice and Wonder: Two Functions (Warm up)

Student Task Statement

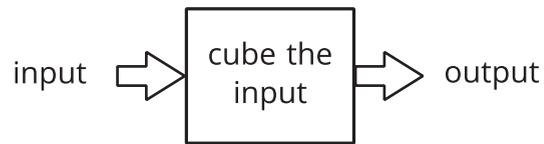
What do you notice? What do you wonder?

x	$f(x) = 10 - 2x$
1	8
1.5	7
5	0
-2	14

x	$g(x) = x^3$
-2	-8
0	0
1	1
3	27

2 Four Functions

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Here are descriptions and equations that represent four functions.

$$f(x) = 3x - 7$$

A. To get the output, subtract 7 from the input, then divide the result by 3.

$$g(x) = 3(x - 7)$$

B. To get the output, subtract 7 from the input, then multiply the result by 3.

$$h(x) = \frac{x}{3} - 7$$

C. To get the output, multiply the input by 3, then subtract 7 from the result.

$$k(x) = \frac{x - 7}{3}$$

D. To get the output, divide the input by 3, and then subtract 7 from the result.

1. Match each equation with a verbal description that represents the same function. Record your results.
2. For one of the functions, when the input is 6, the output is -3. Which is that function: f , g , h , or k ? Explain how you know.
3. Which function value— $f(x)$, $g(x)$, $h(x)$, or $k(x)$ —is the greatest when the input is 0? What about when the input is 10?

3 Rules for Area and Perimeter

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1. A square that has a side length of 9 cm has an area of 81 cm^2 . The relationship between the side length and the area of the square is a function.

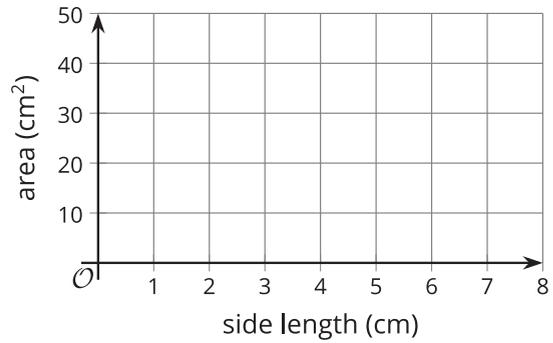
- a. Complete the table with the area for each given side length.

Then, write a rule for a function, A , that gives the area of the square in cm^2 when the side length is s cm. Use function notation.

side length (cm)	area (cm^2)
1	
2	
4	
6	
s	

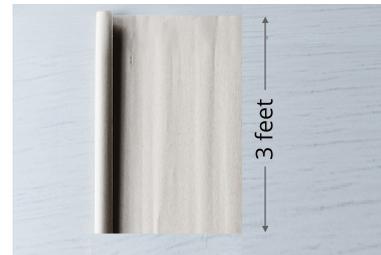
- b. What does $A(2)$ represent in this situation? What is its value?

c. On the coordinate plane, sketch a graph of this function.



2. A roll of paper that is 3 feet wide can be cut to any length.

a. If we cut a length of 2.5 feet, what is the perimeter of the paper?



b. Complete the table with the perimeter for each given side length.

Then, write a rule for a function, P , that gives the perimeter of the paper in feet when the side length in feet is ℓ . Use function notation.

side length (feet)	perimeter (feet)
1	
2	
6.3	
11	
ℓ	

c. What does $P(11)$ represent in this situation? What is its value?

d. On the coordinate plane, sketch a graph of this function.

