Unit 4 Lesson 9: Increasing and Decreasing Functions

1 Comparing Values (Warm up)

Student Task Statement

For each pair of numbers, write =, <, or > in the blank to make a true equation or inequality. Be prepared to share your reasoning.

1. -6 ______ -9
2.
$$\frac{7}{3}$$
 _______ $\frac{13}{6}$
3. 5.2 _______ $\frac{53}{11}$
4. 5(3 - 6) _______ 15 - 6
5. Let $f(x) = 5 - 2x$.
a. $f(3)$ _______ $f(5)$
b. $f(-3)$ _______ $f(-4)$
c. $f(-1)$ ______ $f(1)$

2 What Could It Be?

Student Task Statement

Describe f(x) and g(x) with a situation that could fit the given graphs. Explain your reasoning.





3 Cities, Towns, and Villages

Student Task Statement

Draw an example of a graph that shows two functions as they are described. Make sure to label the functions.

1. The population of 2 cities as functions of time so that city A always has more people than city B.



2. The population of 2 towns as functions of time so that town A is larger to start, but then town B gets larger.



3. The population of 2 villages as functions of time so that village A has a steady population and village B has a population that is initially large, but decreases.

