

## II.

### Practice

Solve.

- 1.** Lin is tracking the progress of her plant's growth. Today the plant is 5 cm high. The plant grows 1.5 cm per day.
  - a. Write a linear model that represents the height of the plant after  $d$  days.
  - b. What will the height of the plant be after 20 days?
  
- 2.** Mr. Thompson is on a diet. He currently weighs 260 pounds. He loses 4 pounds per month.
  - a. Write a linear model that represents Mr. Thompson's weight after  $m$  months.
  - b. After how many months will Mr. Thompson reach his goal weight of 220 pounds?
  
- 3.** Paul opens a savings account with \$350. He saves \$150 per month. Assume that he does not withdraw money or make any additional deposits.
  - a. Write a linear model that represents the total amount of money Paul deposits into his account after  $m$  months.
  - b. After how many months will Paul have more than \$2,000?
  
- 4.** The population of Bay Village is 35,000 today. Every year the population of Bay Village increases by 750 people.
  - a. Write a linear model that represents the population of Bay Village  $x$  years from today.
  - b. In approximately many years will the population of Bay Village exceed 50,000 people?

5. Conner has \$25,000 in his bank account. Every month he spends \$1,500. He does not add money to the account.
- Write a linear model that shows how much money will be in the account after  $x$  months.
  - How much money will Conner have in his account after 8 months?
6. A cell phone plan costs \$30 per month for unlimited calling plus \$0.15 per text message.
- Write a linear model that represents the monthly cost of this cell phone plan if the user sends  $t$  text messages.
  - If you send 200 text messages, how much would you pay according to this cell phone plan?
7. Ben walks at a rate of 3 miles per hour. He runs at a rate of 6 miles per hour. In one week, the combined distance that he walks and runs is 210 miles.
- Write a linear model that relates the number of hours that Ben walks to the number of hours Ben runs.
  - Ben runs for 25 hours. For how many hours does he run?
8. A salesperson receives a base salary of \$35,000 and a commission of 10% of the total sales for the year.
- Write a linear model that shows the salesperson's total income based on total sales of  $k$  dollars.
  - If the salesperson sells \$250,000 worth of merchandise, what is her total income for the year, including her base salary?
9. Amery has  $x$  books that weigh 2 pounds each and  $y$  books that weigh 3 books each. The total weight of his books is 60 pounds.
- Write a linear model that relates the number of 2 pound books to the number of 3 pound books Amery has.
  - If Amery has 10 3-pound books, how many 2-pound books does he have?

- 10.** Max sells lemonade for \$2 per cup and candy for \$1.50 per bar. He earns \$425 selling lemonade and candy.
- Write a linear model that relates the number of cups of lemonade he sold to the number of bars of candy he sold.
  - If Max sold 90 bars of candy, how many cups of lemonade did he sell?

### III. Challenge Problems

- 11.** A bacteria population doubles every minute. Explain why this population growth cannot be modeled using a linear equation.
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- 12.** Kara used the linear model  $y = 20,000 + 0.3x$  to predict her total salary from achieving total sales of  $x$ . What is her base salary? What percent commission does she earn?
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**13. Correct the Error**

Question: The model  $2x + 5y = 85$  can be used to model how much money Tim spent on  $x$  sodas and  $y$  sandwiches. If he bought 15 sodas, how many sandwiches did he purchase?

Solution:

$$2x + 5(15) = 85$$

$$2x + 75 = 85$$

$$2x = 10 \text{ or } x = 2$$

Tim bought 2 sandwiches.

What is the error? Explain how to solve the problem.

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#### IV. Answer Key

1.  $y = 5 + 1.5d$ ; 35 cm
2.  $y = 260 - 4m$ ; 10 months
3.  $y = 350 + 150m$ ; 11 months
4.  $y = 35,000 + 750x$ ; 20 years
5.  $y = 25,000 - 1,500x$ ; \$13,000
6.  $y = 30 + 0.15t$ ; \$60
7.  $3x + 6y = 210$ ; 20 hours
8.  $y = 35,000 + 0.1k$ ; \$60,000
9.  $2x + 3y = 60$ ; 15 2-pound books
10.  $2x + 1.5y = 425$ ; 145 cups
11. The rate of increase is not constant
12. Base salary = \$20,000. 30% commission
13. The student switched  $x$  and  $y$ . Correct answer is  $y = 11$ .