

# Reasoning and Problem Solving

## Step 1: Read and Interpret Line Graphs

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 6: (6S1) [Interpret and construct pie charts and line graphs and use these to solve problems](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Determine which of 2 line graphs (including 1 data set only) most likely represents a particular data set.

**Expected** Determine which of 2 line graphs (including 2 data sets) most likely represents a particular data set.

**Greater Depth** Write own story to represent the 2 data sets in 2 graphs.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Read two statements about a line graph showing 1 data set using scales in increments of 2 and 10 where all increments are shown. Determine which statement is correct and explain why.

**Expected** Read two statements about a line graph comparing 2 data sets using any scales where all increments are shown. Determine which statement is correct and explain why.

**Greater Depth** Read two statements about a line graph comparing 2 data sets using any scales where some of the increments are missing. Determine which statement is correct and explain why.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Problem Solving)

**Developing** Use information shown in a line graph to solve a simple problem. Includes 1 data set using scales in increments of 2 and 10 where all increments are shown.

**Expected** Use information shown in a line graph to solve a problem. Includes 2 data sets using any scales where all increments are shown.

**Greater Depth** Use information shown in a line graph solve a problem. Includes 2 data sets using any scales where some of the increments are missing.

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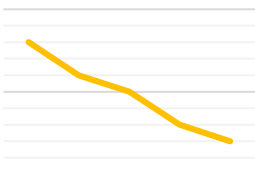
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1a. Carrie is recording the amount of milk left in the jug in her fridge throughout the week. Which graph most likely shows her data? Explain how you know.

A

B



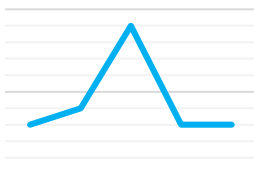
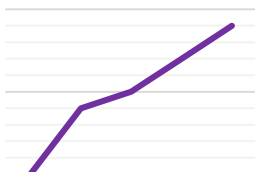
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1b. Derrik is recording how many Easter presents his store sells during and after Easter weekend. Which graph most likely shows his data? Explain how you know.

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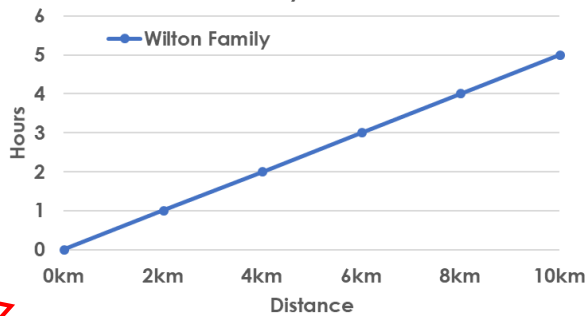
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2a. Anton and Lea are interpreting this graph. Anton says, "It took the family 5 hours to walk 10 kilometres." Lea says, "The family had a break after walking for 3 hours." Who is correct? Explain.

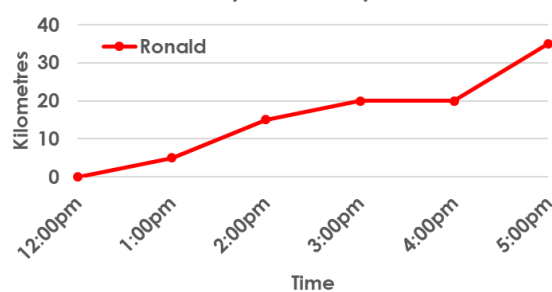
Family Walk



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2b. Peter and Nora are interpreting this graph. Peter says, "Ronald travelled 20 kilometres between 3:00pm and 4:00pm." Nora says, "Ronald stopped between 3:00pm and 4:00pm." Who is correct? Explain.

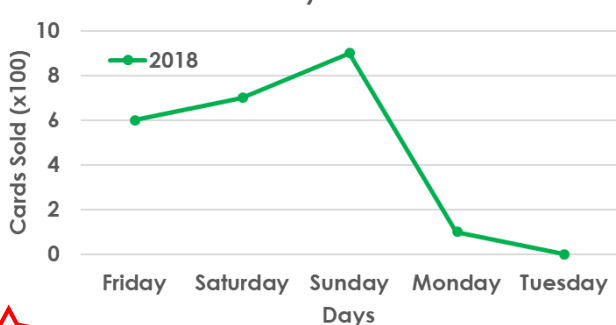
Bicycle Journey



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3a. Caring Cards Company earns £100 profit for every 100 cards sold. How much did they profit from Mother's Day cards? Why did sales drop so quickly on Monday?

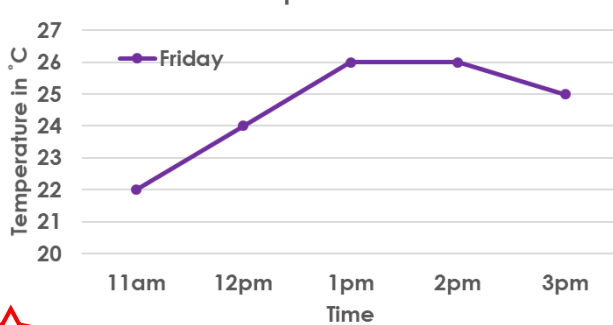
Mother's Day Card Sales



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3b. Lori is tracking the temperature throughout the day. She must drink a bottle of water per hour when it's 24°C or hotter. How many bottles of water will she drink?

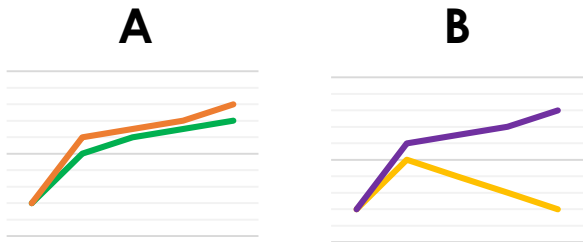
Temperature



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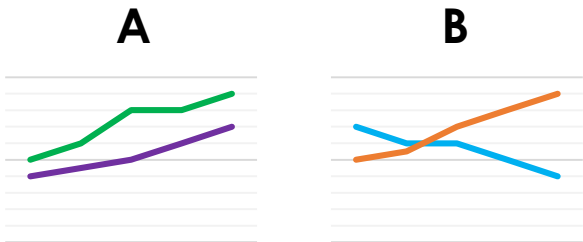
4a. The health visitor is recording the height of twins during their first year. Which graph most likely shows her data? Explain how you know.



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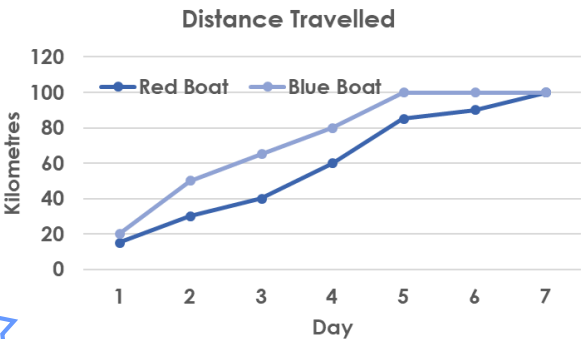
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4b. Jim is recording the temperature from September to January in London and Sydney. Which graph most likely shows his data? Explain how you know.



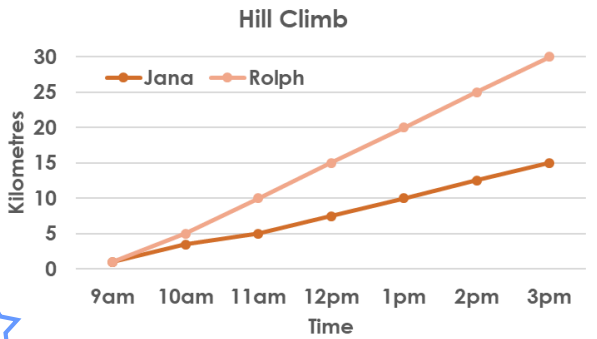
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5a. Yulia and Naveed are interpreting a graph. Yulia says, “The blue boat reached their destination on Day 5.” Naveed says, “The red boat travelled 100km between Day 6 and Day 7.” Who is correct? Explain.



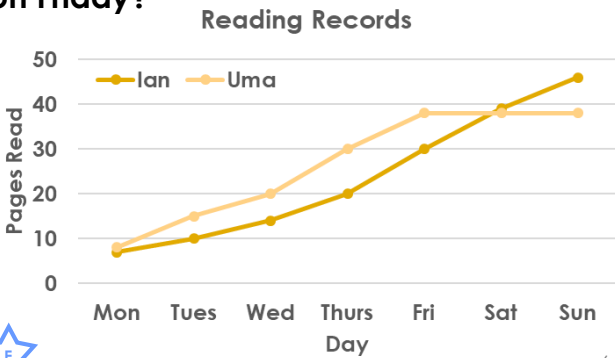
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5b. Nico and Harriet are interpreting a graph. Nico says, “Rolph’s journey was steeper because his line is steeper on the graph.” Harriet says, “Jana travelled much slower; her climb could have been more difficult.” Who is correct? Explain.



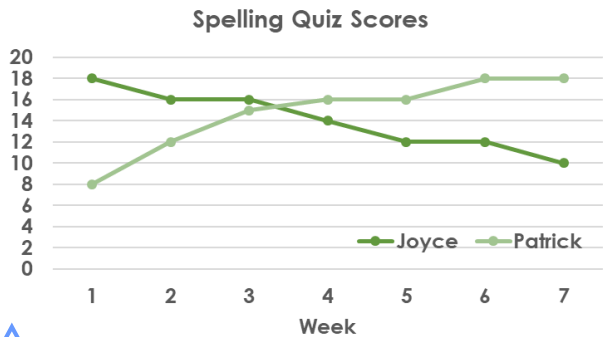
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6a. Every Friday, Ian and Uma’s teacher gives a sticker for every multiple of 10 pages they read. Who received the most stickers this week? Who read the most pages in total? Why did Uma stop reading on Friday?



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6b. Joyce and Patrick each earn one point for their class every time they score more than 15 on a spelling quiz. How many points will they each earn this half term? Who has shown improvement?



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7a. Write your own story to match the data in the two graphs below.

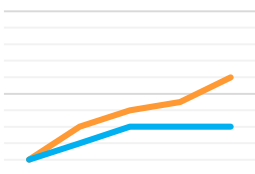
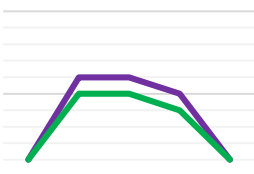
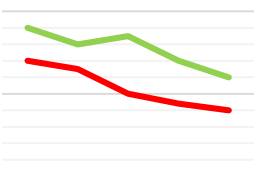
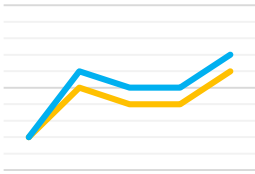
7b. Write your own story to match the data in the two graphs below.

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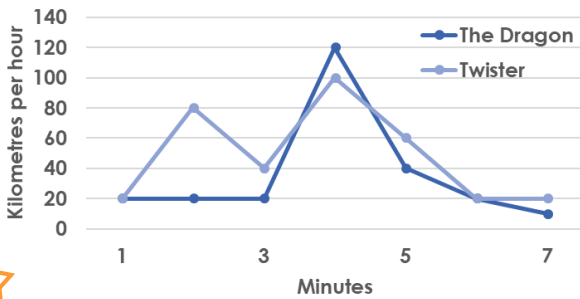
8a. Fazir and May are interpreting a graph.

Fazir says, “The Dragon has a rapid increase in speed at 3 minutes.”  
May says, “The Twister goes the fastest.”  
Who is correct? Explain.

8b. Nancy and Quinn are interpreting a graph.

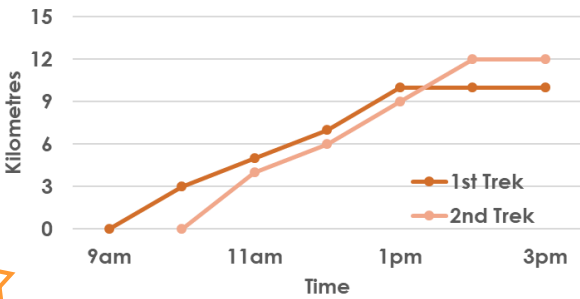
Nancy says, “Both treks started at 9am.”  
Quinn says, “The 2nd trek was the longest by 2km.”  
Who is correct? Explain.

Speed of Roller Coaster



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Trekking

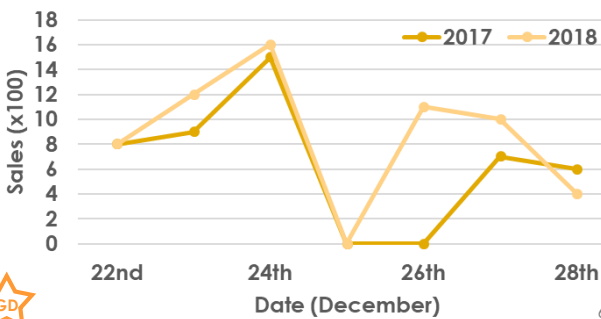


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9a. Carl’s Cards makes it’s biggest profit in the holiday season. What date is the shop closed for business? If the shop earns £200 for every 100 cards sold, which year made the biggest profit?

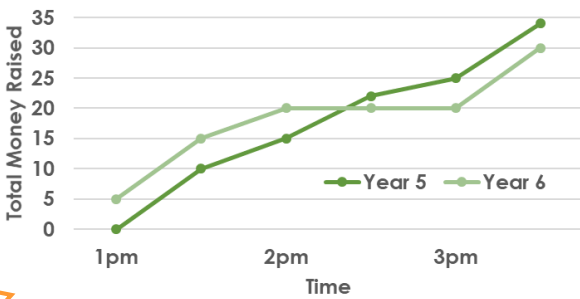
9b. Years 5 and 6 are holding a fundraiser for charity. For every £1 raised, the school is giving an extra £2 to the same charity. How much money did each year group raise in total?

Christmas Card Sales



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Fundraising



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### Developing

- 1a. B shows her data, because the amount of milk would decrease throughout the week.
- 2a. Anton is correct. The graph does not show that the family stopped hiking after 3 hours.
- 3a. They made £2,300 profit on cards. Sales dropped because Mother's Day happened on Sunday, and not as many people needed to buy cards after Mother's Day.

### Expected

- 4a. A shows her data because the twins would gain in height but at slightly different rates. B suggests that the height of one twin decreases over time.
- 5a. Yulia is correct because the blue boat stopped travelling on Day 5. The red boat travelled 100km in total, not in one day.
- 6a. Ian gets the most stickers. Ian read more pages in total (looking at Saturday and Sunday). Uma could have finished her book on Friday.

### Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example:  
A = Two runners travelling the same route and over the same terrain but one is faster than the other.  
B = The temperature of two cities in the UK recorded from Summer to Autumn.
- 8a. Fazir is correct. The Dragon also goes 20km/hour faster than The Twister, so it is the fastest ride.
- 9a. The shop is closed on Christmas Day. The biggest profit was made in 2018 (£12,200).

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### Developing

- 1b. B shows his data, because sales for Easter related gifts would not continue increasing after Easter weekend.
- 2b. Nora is correct. The graph shows that Ronald did not travel between 3 and 4pm.
- 3b. She will drink 3 bottles of water (1 between 12pm – 1pm, 1 between 1pm – 2pm and 1 between 2pm – 3pm). She may start another at 3pm as the temperature is still 24°C at 3pm.

### Expected

- 4b. B shows his data because the temperature in London will be getting colder over those months, whilst it will be getting warmer in Sydney.
- 5b. Harriet is correct, that is one reason why Jana travelled a much shorter distance in the same amount of time. Nico has misinterpreted what the graph is showing; the incline of the hike is not related to the angle of the line.
- 6b. Joyce will earn 3 points and Patrick will earn 4 points this half term. Patrick has shown steady improvement in his quizzes, while Joyce's scores keep going down.

### Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example:  
A = Two vehicles starting off and travelling the same distance but at different speeds before slowing down again.  
B = Two plants growing over the same time period. One plant continues to grow, whilst the other stops get any taller.
- 8b. Quinn is correct. The second trek started at 10am.
- 9b. Year 5 raised £34 and Year 6 raised £30. With the school's contribution, Year 5 raised £102 and Year 6 raised £90.