## Algebra I

## Lesson 4.1 - Graphing Relationships

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What does this graph look like? Cardiologists can study an EKG and analyze their patients' heartbeat. Graphs can be used to illustrate many different situations such as the functioning of your heart, seismic pattern of an earthquake, or tracking of a satellite.

It is important to know how to relate a graph to a given situation by using accurate words in the description:

| Segment Description | Key Words |
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| Horizontal | constant, stayed the same, no change |
| Slanting upward | rose steadily, increase |
| Slanting downward | dropped sharply, decrease |

Draw a graph that describes the following situation: The temperature increased steadily for several hours then remained constant. At the end of the day, the temperature increased slightly again before dropping sharply to a temperature less than the initial temperature reading. .


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What is the starting temperature? Starting time? Since it was not stated, it can all be relative that is, we don't need to assign values to the grid lines.

1. Identify or underline the temperature changes
2. Sketch a graph that would approximate the situation.
3. Label axes.

Describe a situation for filling an aquarium tank full of water:


Sometimes data presented on a graph are just points other times the data is connected by a line or curve:


Discrete graph - shows only points


Continuous graph - show connected lines or curves

Sketch a graph the situation, tell whether the graph is continuous or discrete.
Jamie is taking an 8-week keyboarding class. At the
end of teach week, she takes a test to find the number
of words she can type per minute. She improves each
week.

