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Using Best-Fit Lines

1. Each year, Mrs. Welch, a gym teacher at Bessie Coleman School, records the number of sit-ups each student can do. Nila used her data to make a graph that shows the number of sit-ups she could do each year.

A. Describe the graph.

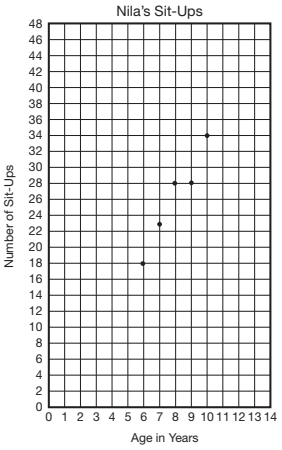
B. If you read the graph from left to right, do the points go uphill or downhill?

C. What does the graph tell you about the number of sit-ups Nila can do?

D. Do the points lie close to a straight line? If so, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

E. If possible, predict the number of sit-ups Nila will be able to do when she is 12. Show any work on the graph.

F. Does knowing Nila's age help you predict the number of sit-ups she can do?



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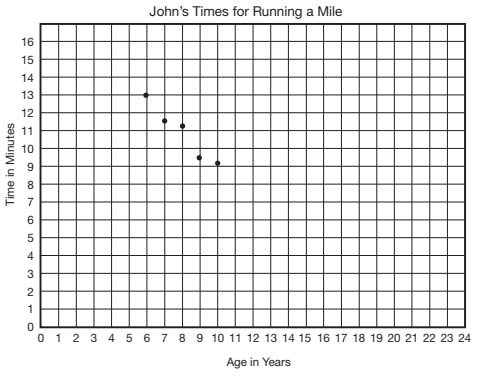
2. Mrs. Welch also records each student's best times for running a mile. John graphed his best times.



A. Describe the graph.

B. Do the points tend to go uphill or downhill?

C. Do the points lie close to a straight line? If so, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

D. If possible, predict how long it will take John to run a mile when he is 12.

E. If possible, predict how long it will take John to run a mile when he is 18.

F. Does knowing John's age help you predict his time for running the mile? Explain.

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Questions 1–9

1. **A.*** Answers will vary. Students may state that the points tend to go uphill or that Nila can do more and more sit-ups as she gets older.

   B.* Uphill

   C.* Answers will vary. Nila can do more and more sit-ups as she gets older. She made no progress in the number of sit-ups she could do between the ages of 8 and 9.

   D.* Yes. See Figure 1 in the lesson for the best-fit line.

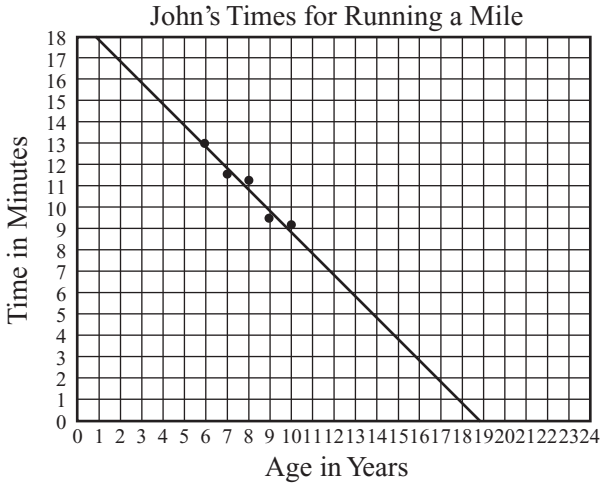
   E.* Predictions will vary. About 42. Accept predictions between 39 and 46 sit-ups, but answers should match the line students draw.

   F.* Yes

2. **A.** Answers will vary. Students might say that John is becoming a faster runner or that the graph tends to go downhill.

   B. Downhill

   C. Yes



   D. Predictions will vary. About 7 minutes.

   E.* Predictions will vary. According to our graph, John will run the mile in about one minute. This is impossible. Students should see that extrapolating this far beyond the last data point is unreliable.

   F.* Yes, but not for values far beyond the data points.

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3. A.* Descriptions will vary. The points on the graph are scattered in no apparent order.

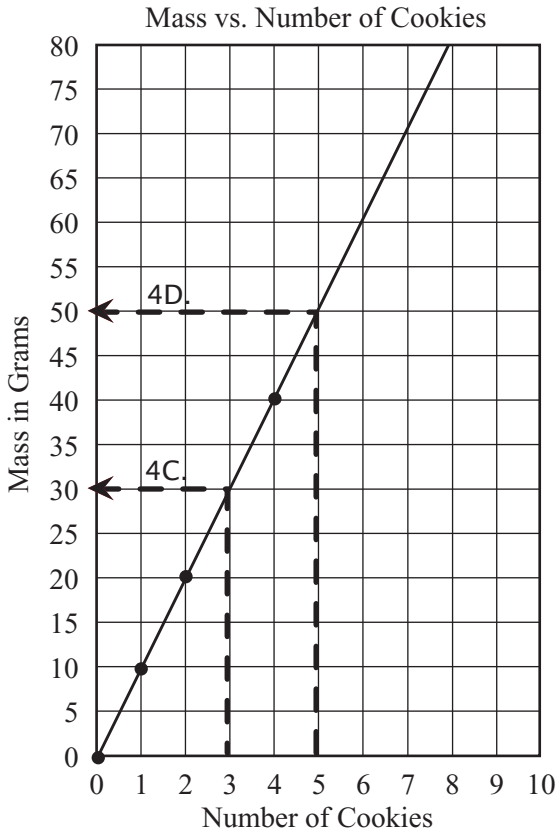
B.* No

C.* No

D.* Students should see that they cannot make reliable predictions on the graph since there is no pattern.

4. A.* Descriptions will vary. The points on the graph go uphill and the more cookies you have, the more mass there is.

B.* Yes, the points lie on a straight line.



C.* 30 grams

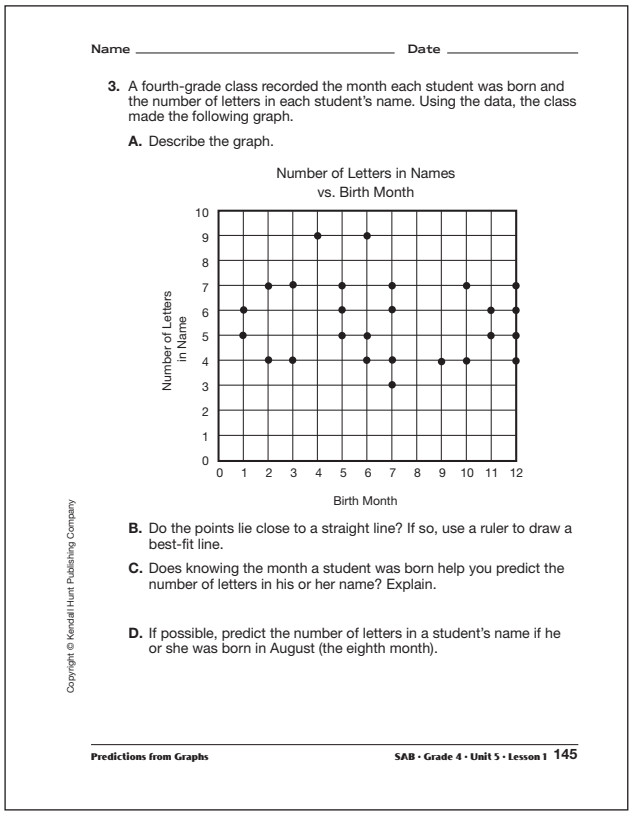
D.* 50 grams

E.* Interpolation

F.* (0, 0); (1, 10); (2, 20); (4, 40)

G.* The second number in the pair is equal to the first number multiplied by 10.

H.* $8 \times 10 = 80$ grams



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3. A fourth-grade class recorded the month each student was born and the number of letters in each student's name. Using the data, the class made the following graph.

A. Describe the graph.

Number of Letters in Names vs. Birth Month

Number of Letters in Name

Birth Month

B. Do the points lie close to a straight line? If so, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

C. Does knowing the month a student was born help you predict the number of letters in his or her name? Explain.

D. If possible, predict the number of letters in a student's name if he or she was born in August (the eighth month).

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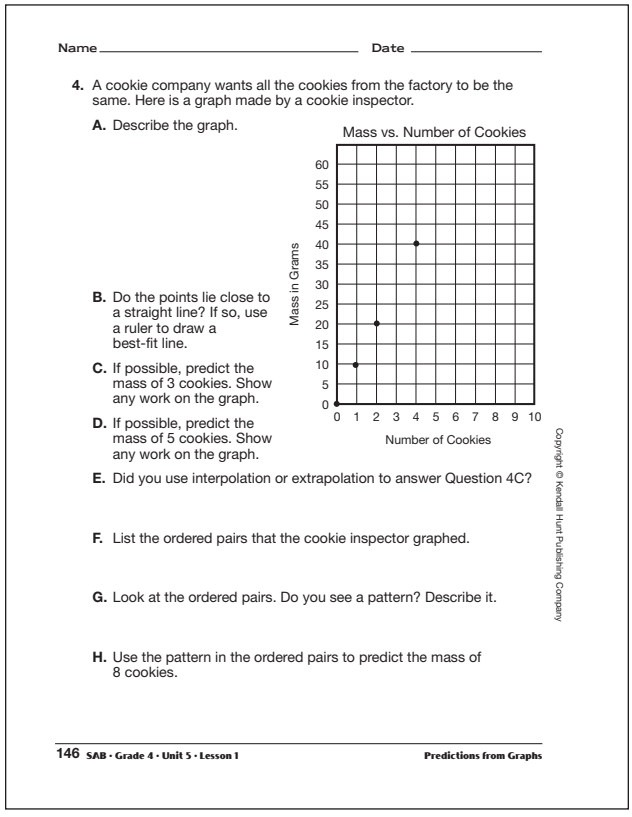

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4. A cookie company wants all the cookies from the factory to be the same. Here is a graph made by a cookie inspector.

A. Describe the graph.

Mass vs. Number of Cookies

Mass in Grams

Number of Cookies

B. Do the points lie close to a straight line? If so, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

C. If possible, predict the mass of 3 cookies. Show any work on the graph.

D. If possible, predict the mass of 5 cookies. Show any work on the graph.

E. Did you use interpolation or extrapolation to answer Question 4C?

F. List the ordered pairs that the cookie inspector graphed.

G. Look at the ordered pairs. Do you see a pattern? Describe it.

H. Use the pattern in the ordered pairs to predict the mass of 8 cookies.

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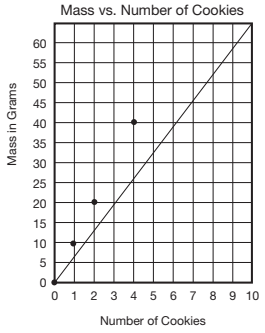
5. Ana drew a best-fit line for Question 4. Her line went from corner to corner.



A. How many points does Ana's line go through?

B. How many points are above her line?

C. How many points are below her line?

D. Ana predicted that 3 cookies would have a mass of 20 grams and 5 cookies would have a mass of 33 grams. Do you agree with her? What was Ana's mistake?

E. What would you tell Ana about how to draw a best-fit line?

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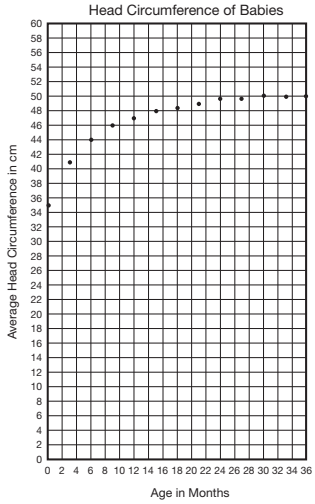
6. Doctors measure the head circumference of babies to track their growth.

A. Describe the graph.



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B. If the points lie close to a line, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

C. If possible, predict the head circumference of a baby who is four months old.

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5. A. 1 point

B. 3 points

C. 0 points

D. Answers will vary. Ana's predictions make sense using her line, but her mistake is she didn't draw a line that best fits the points. Instead she drew a line from one corner of the graph to the opposite corner.

E. Answers will vary. Ana should draw a line that has as many points below it as above it or through the points if they follow the pattern.

6. A.* Descriptions will vary. The points tend to go uphill, but not in a line. They go uphill in a curve and level off.

B.* The points lie on a curve, so it does not make sense to draw a best-fit line.

C.* Predictions will vary. About 42 cm. Accept predictions between 41 and 43 cm.

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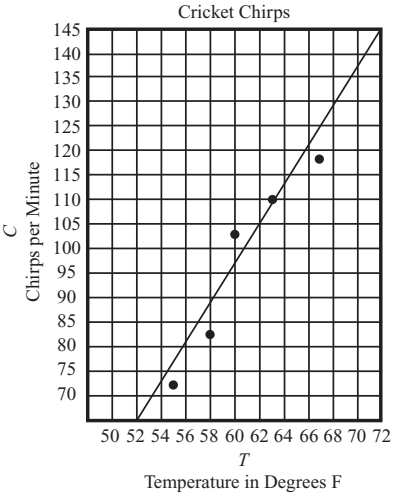
7. A. (67, 118); (63, 110); (58, 82); (60, 102); (55, 72)

B. Descriptions will vary. Students may say the points go "uphill."

C. The number of chirps also goes up.

D.



E. Around 135 chirps per minute. Accept predictions between 130 and 140 chirps.

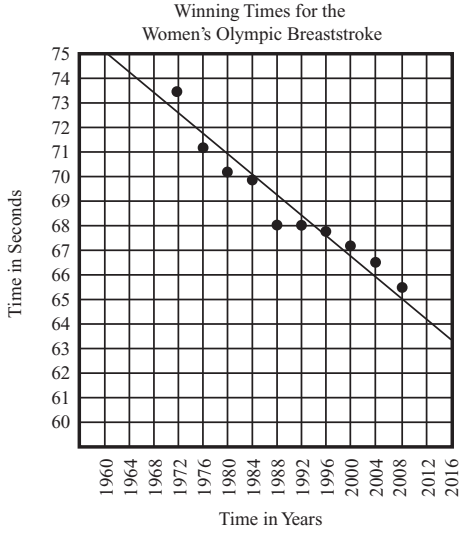
F. Predictions will vary. Around 80 chirps per minute. Accept predictions between 75 and 85 chirps.

G. Extrapolation

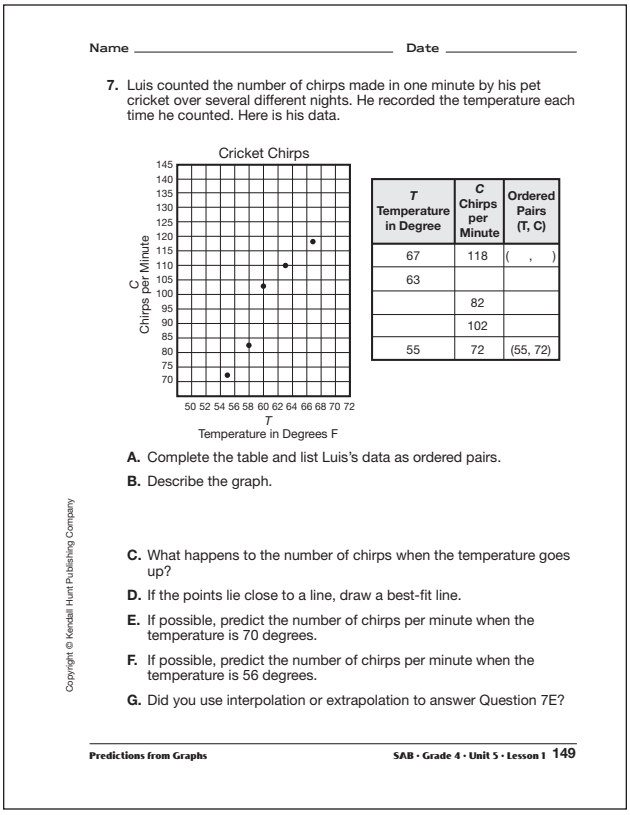
8.* The Mass vs. Number of Cookies graph. Its points lie on a straight line.

9. A. Descriptions will vary. The points tend to go downhill. As the years go by, women are becoming faster swimmers.

B.



C. Answers will vary. Between 63 and 64 sec.



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7. Luis counted the number of chirps made in one minute by his pet cricket over several different nights. He recorded the temperature each time he counted. Here is his data.

T Temperature in Degree	*C* Chirps per Minute	Ordered Pairs (T, C)
67	118	(,)
63		
	82	
	102	
55	72	(55, 72)

A. Complete the table and list Luis's data as ordered pairs.

B. Describe the graph.

C. What happens to the number of chirps when the temperature goes up?

D. If the points lie close to a line, draw a best-fit line.

E. If possible, predict the number of chirps per minute when the temperature is 70 degrees.

F. If possible, predict the number of chirps per minute when the temperature is 56 degrees.

G. Did you use interpolation or extrapolation to answer Question 7E?

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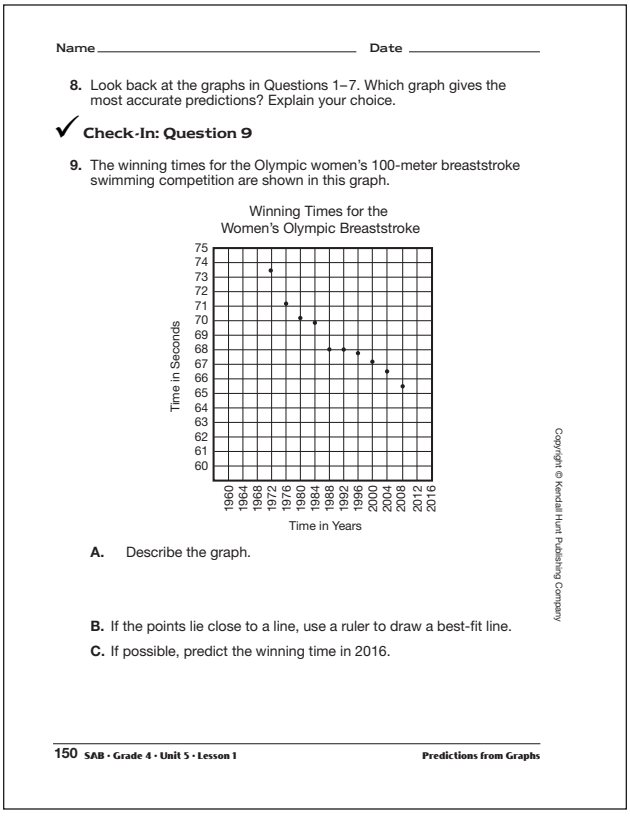

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8. Look back at the graphs in Questions 1–7. Which graph gives the most accurate predictions? Explain your choice.

✓ **Check-In: Question 9**

9. The winning times for the Olympic women's 100-meter breaststroke swimming competition are shown in this graph.

A. Describe the graph.

B. If the points lie close to a line, use a ruler to draw a best-fit line.

C. If possible, predict the winning time in 2016.

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