



Lesson 8

Scale Drawings and Maps

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Learning Goal

Let's use scale drawings to solve problems.

Warm-up

Two cities are 243 miles apart.

- It takes a train 4 hours to travel between the two cities at a constant speed.
- A car travels between the two cities at a constant speed of 65 miles per hour.

Which is traveling faster, the car or the train? Be prepared to explain your reasoning.

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- A driver is traveling at a constant speed on Interstate 90 outside Chicago. If she traveled from Point A to Point B in 8 minutes, did she obey the speed limit of 55 miles per hour? Explain your reasoning.
- 2. A traffic helicopter flew directly from Point A to Point B in 8 minutes. Did the helicopter travel faster or slower than the driver? Explain or show your reasoning.

Driving on I-90

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A cyclist rides at a constant speed of 15 miles per hour. At this speed, about how long would it take the cyclist to ride from Garden City to Dodge City, Kansas?

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- How does a map with a scale help estimate the distance between two places?
- If we know the approximate distance and how long the trip takes, how we would we find the speed?
- If we know the approximate distance and speed, how would we find how long the trip takes?

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I can use a map and its scale to solve problems about traveling.

Learning Targets

Walking Around the Botanical Garden

Cool-down

Here is a map of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Clare walked all the way around the garden.

- What is the actual distance around the garden? Show your reasoning.
- It took Clare 30
 minutes to walk
 around the garden at
 a constant speed.
 At what speed was she
 walking? Show your
 reasoning.

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Glossary

scale

A scale tells how the measurements in a scale drawing represent the actual measurements of the object.

For example, the scale on this floor plan tells us that 1 inch on the drawing represents 8 feet in the actual room. This means that 2 inches would represent 16 feet, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch would represent 4 feet.

Glossary

scale drawing

A scale drawing represents an actual place or object. All the measurements in the drawing correspond to the measurements of the actual object by the same scale.

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