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## Thinking with models \_ Linear Functions

Investigation Task: Mobile screen usage

Assessment Criterion: D and C

Key concept :  
Relationships, Change , Form

Related Concept :  
Pattern, Model and  
Representation

Global context:  
Globalization & Sustainability

## Inquiry Question

How can linear functions be used to model and make sense of mobile screen time and battery usage in real life?



**Objective:** Students will be able to apply linear functions to an authentic real-life situation by modeling how mobile screen time affects battery percentage, and to justify the accuracy and reasonableness of their mathematical solutions..

**Context:** In this task, students investigate the relationship between screen-on time and battery life using given data. They identify relevant variables, select and apply a linear model, solve problems related to battery usage, and communicate their reasoning clearly. The task emphasizes applying mathematics in context and evaluating whether solutions make sense in real-life mobile screen usage.



## Tasks:

Identify

Select

Apply

Justify

Justify

## ATL Skills:

**Thinking Skills:** Critical thinking: Analyzing data and selecting appropriate mathematical strategies.

**Transfer Skills:** Applying linear functions learned in class to a real life business context.

**Communication Skills:** Explaining mathematical thinking clearly using appropriate language and representations.

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**Context:** A mobile phone is fully charged at **100%**. When the screen is continuously ON, the battery decreases at a constant rate. After **1 hour** of screen usage, the battery is **92%**, and after **3 hours**, it is **76%**.

1. **Identify** the independent and dependent variables related to mobile screen usage and battery percentage.
2. **Select** an appropriate linear model to represent the relationship between screen time and battery level.
3. **Apply** the selected model to form a linear equation.
4. **Solve** the equation to:
  - a. Find the battery percentage after **5 hours** of screen usage.
  - b. Determine how long the screen can remain ON before the battery reaches **20%**.

5. **Justify the degree of accuracy** of your solutions (rounding, units, and practicality).
6. **Justify whether your solution makes sense** in the real-life context of mobile screen usage.

## Curriculum Framework

### Key Concepts

#### 1. Relationships

The connection between screen time and battery percentage, where one changes as the other changes.

#### 2. Representation

Showing battery usage using mathematical forms such as a linear equation.

#### 3. Logic

Using clear mathematical reasoning to explain and justify battery-life solutions.

### Related Concepts

#### 1. Linear Model

A mathematical model that shows battery percentage decreasing at a constant rate over time.

#### 2. Rate of Change

The amount the battery percentage decreases for each hour of screen usage.

#### 3. Accuracy

How precise and appropriate the calculated battery percentage and time values are.

### Global Contexts

#### 1. Scientific and Technical Innovation

Exploring how mathematics is used to understand and improve mobile technology.

#### 2. Globalization and Sustainability

Understanding battery usage to support efficient and responsible use of technology.

#### 3. Personal and Cultural Expression

Examining how individual screen-use habits affect daily life.

### Statements of Inquiry

#### 1. Scientific and Technical Innovation

Mathematical relationships help model and explain how mobile screen usage affects battery life.

#### 2. Globalization and Sustainability

Applying linear models supports informed and sustainable use of mobile devices.

#### 3. Personal and Cultural Expression

Logical reasoning allows individuals to understand and manage their screen-time behavior.

## GRASPS – Mobile Screen Usage Investigation

### **G – Goal**

To use a linear function to model and analyze how mobile screen time affects battery percentage and justify the accuracy and reasonableness of the solution.

### **R – Role**

You are a **mobile usage analyst** investigating battery drain during screen usage.

### **A – Audience**

Mobile phone users who want to understand and manage their screen time effectively.

### **S – Situation**

A mobile phone battery drains at a constant rate when the screen is ON, and users need to predict battery life using mathematical models.

### **P – Product / Performance**

A written mathematical investigation that includes a linear equation, solutions, and justifications linked to the real-life context.

### **S – Standards / Success Criteria**

- Correct identification of variables
- Appropriate selection and application of a linear model
- Accurate solutions
- Clear justification of accuracy and real-life reasonableness