Science 10 – Motion – Distance-Time and Position-Time Graphs

Learning Goals

- 1. I can analyze a graph to determine characteristics of an object's motion.
- 2. I can compare the motion of two different objects using a graph.
- 3. I can create a distance-time graph from a data table.



Graph A

- 1. How fast was Car A travelling for the first part of its journey?
- 2. How fast was Car B travelling for the second part of its journey?
- 3. Which car travelled further in one minute? How much further?
- 4. Which car travelled further in the first 30 seconds? How much further?
- 5. How long was Car A stopped?
- 6. What is the average speed of each car in its one-minute journey?

Graph B

The graph shows how Jan's position relative to home varied with time as she walked to her Dist.



friend's house, bought a magazine in a shop on the way, and walked back home again.

- 1. How far is it from Jan's house to the shop?
- 2. How far is it from Jan's house to her friend's?
- 3. How long did Jan spend in the shop?
- 4. How long did Jan spend at her friend's?
- 5. How long did the trip take altogether?

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Graph C

The Smith family are to drive 150 miles to a holiday cottage. They stopped to fill up with gas on the way there. The graph below shows the distance from home against time for their journey.



- 1. When did they stop for gas and for how long?
- 2. Calculate their average speed for the journey, <u>not</u> including the time they are stopped.
- 3. Calculate their average speed including the time they are stopped.
- 4. Half an hour after they arrive at the cottage they discover that they have left the keys for the cottage at home. Show this time on the graph.
- 5. The journey home was completed at an average speed of 50 miles/h while on the move. Complete the graph to show the rest of the journey home and state when they arrived home.

Graph D

Explain, in point form, what the position-time graph might be showing in the following situation: <u>Bobby's Trip Home from the Mall</u>



Graph E

Create a distance-time graph using the data below, then answer the questions.

Distance (km) 0 10 20 30 30 50 70 75 80 85 95 105	Time (min)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
	Distance (km)	0	10	20	30	30	50	70	75	80	85	85	95	105

- 1. How many times did the car change speed?
- 2. Determine the average speed for each section of the trip.
- 3. What is the average speed of the car in the first 60 minutes?
- 4. What is the average speed of the car in the whole trip?
- 5. What is the furthest the car got from its original location?
- 6. How long was the car stopped?