

9-9**Study Guide and Intervention****Scatter Plots**

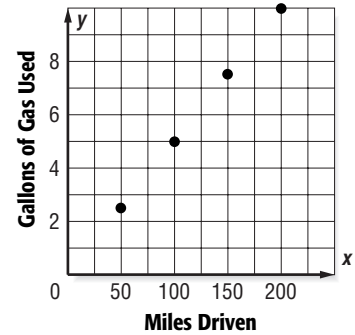
When you graph two sets of data as ordered pairs, you make a **scatter plot**. The pattern of the data points determines the relationship between the two sets of data.

- Data points that go generally upward show a *positive* relationship.
- Data points that go generally downward show a *negative* relationship.
- Data points with no clear pattern show *no* relationship between the data sets.

Examples Explain whether the scatter plot of the data shows a *positive*, *negative*, or *no* relationship.

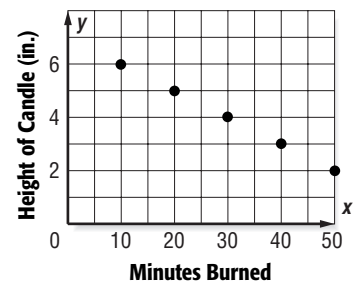
1 miles driven and gallons of gas used

As the number of miles driven increases, the amount of gas used increases. Therefore, the scatter plot will show a positive relationship.



2 number of minutes a candle burns and a candle's height

As the number of minutes increases, the height of the candle will decrease. Therefore, the scatter plot will show a negative relationship.

**Exercises**

Explain whether the scatter plot of the data for the following shows a *positive*, *negative*, or *no* relationship.

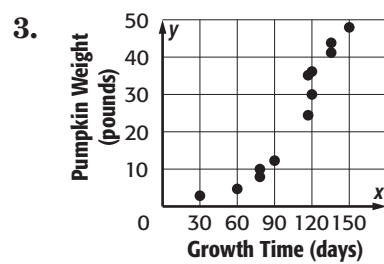
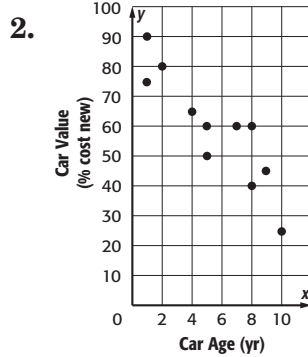
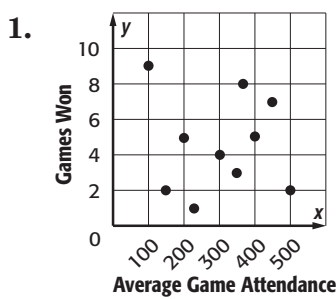
1. a student's age and the student's grade level in school
2. number of words written and amount of ink remaining in a pen
3. square feet of floor space and the cost of carpet for the entire floor
4. a person's height and the number of siblings the person has
5. length of time for a shower and the amount of hot water remaining
6. number of sides of a polygon and the area of the polygon

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Practice

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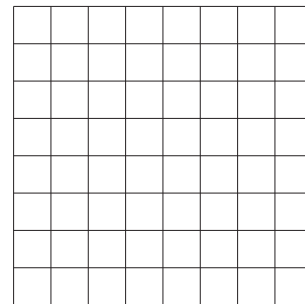
Explain whether the scatter plot of the data for each of the following shows a *positive*, *negative*, or *no* relationship.



For Exercises 4–6, use the following table.

River Width (m)	15	18	20	28	30	32	38	40	42	45
Water Speed (km/h)	12.6	10.7	11.2	9.7	8.1	8.7	6.9	5.4	3.9	4.1

- Draw a scatter plot for the data. Then draw a line of fit.
- Write an equation for the line of fit.
- Use your equation to estimate the speed of the water when the river is 50 meters wide.



Explain whether a scatter plot of the data for each of the following would show a *positive*, *negative*, or *no* relationship.

- daily attendance at an outdoor carnival and the number of hours of rain
- number of diagonals of a polygon and the number of sides of a polygon