

## Lesson 3 Acceleration

**Skim** Lesson 3 in your book. Read the headings, and look at the photos and illustrations. Identify three things you want to learn more about as you read the lesson. Write your ideas in your Science Journal.

### Main Idea

#### Acceleration—Changes in Velocity

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### Details

**Define** acceleration.

acceleration: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Identify** 3 ways that an object can accelerate.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

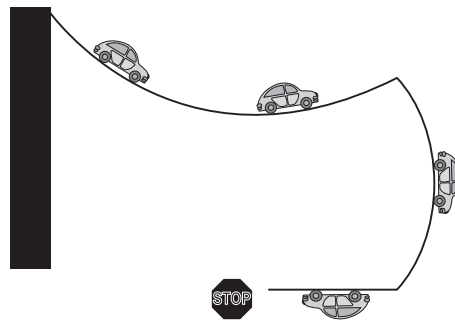
2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe** the acceleration of a car in each situation.

	Description
Leaving an intersection	
Approaching an intersection	

**Draw** arrows to show the direction of velocity and acceleration as the toy car moves along the track. Use one color to show velocity and another color to show acceleration.



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acceleration
velocity

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**Calculating Acceleration**  
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**Define** average acceleration, and complete the equation for calculating it.

average acceleration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Average Acceleration Equation:

$$a = \frac{\text{_____} - \text{_____}}{\text{_____}}$$

**Identify** each variable in the equation.

average acceleration: \_\_\_\_\_      final speed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 initial speed: \_\_\_\_\_       $t$ : \_\_\_\_\_

**Solve** for average acceleration.

A rocket accelerates from 0 to 20 km/s. Five seconds after reaching 20 km/s, the rocket is traveling at 280 km/s. What is the average acceleration of the rocket?

initial speed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 final speed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 total time: \_\_\_\_\_

$$a = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{_____}}$$

What is the average acceleration of the rocket? \_\_\_\_\_

**Determine** the direction of motion of two objects.

Time (s)	Average Acceleration (m/s)
0	0
1	-2
2	-4
3	-6
4	-8

Direction of motion:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Main Idea

#### Speed-Time Graphs

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#### Summarizing Motion

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#### Synthesize It

Draw a graph to show a car that starts from rest, accelerates to 35 km/h in 20 seconds, travels at a constant speed for 20 seconds, slows to a stop in 10 seconds, and remains at rest for 20 seconds. Label acceleration during each time period.

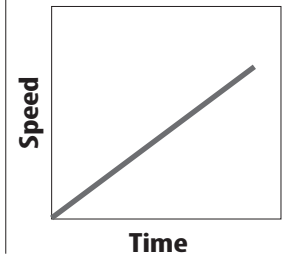
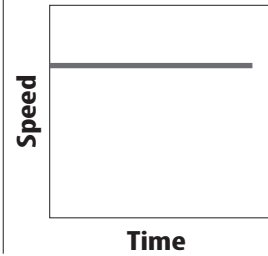
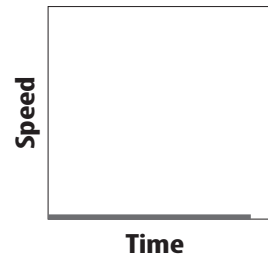
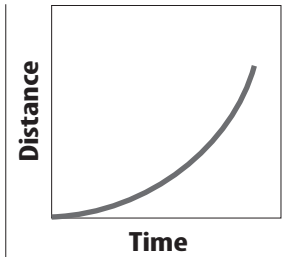
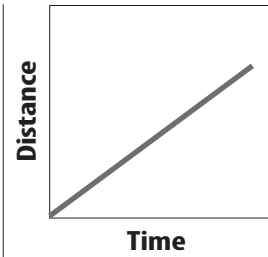
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**Explain** what a speed-time graph indicates about an object's motion.



**Describe** the motion represented by each set of graphs.



SET 1

SET 2

SET 3

SET 1. \_\_\_\_\_

SET 2. \_\_\_\_\_

SET 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Summarize** five ways motion can be described.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

