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**Break-Ground:**

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*Two young mathematicians discuss whether integrals are defined properly.*

Check out this dialogue between two calculus students (based on a true story):

**Devyn:** Riley, I like integrals.

**Riley:** I feel so fancy when I make an integral sign.

**Devyn:** I know! An integral computes the signed area between a curve  $y = f(x)$  and the  $x$ -axis. But why *signed* area? Maybe we should just compute plain old area.

**Riley:** Makes sense to me!

**Devyn:** Unless... maybe there are other applications where “signed” area makes more sense.

One really great way to think about integrals is that they “accumulate rates.”

**Problem 1** Write down as many examples of “rates” and “accumulated rates” as you can. For example:

*5 miles per hour is a rate, and 5 miles is then an accumulated rate.*

**Free Response:**

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Learning outcomes: Understand the relationship between position, velocity and acceleration.