

Graphs of real-life situations

- Interpreting the information shown by a distance–time graph
- Interpreting the information shown by a speed–time graph

Keywords

You should know

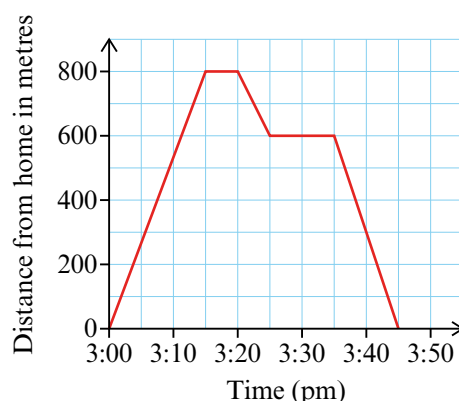
explanation 1

1 Gina went to the local shops.

On her way home she met some friends and stopped to talk to them.

The graph shows her journey.

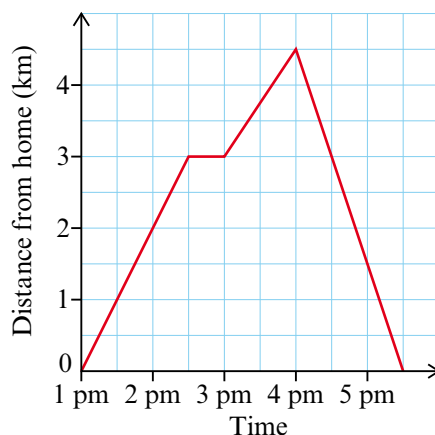
- The shops are 800 m from Gina's house. How long did it take her to get there?
- How long did she spend at the shops?
- Gina met her friends at 3:25 pm. How far from home was she?
- How long was Gina with her friends?
- What time did Gina get back home?



2 Danni sets off from home to take a walk.

The graph shows her journey.

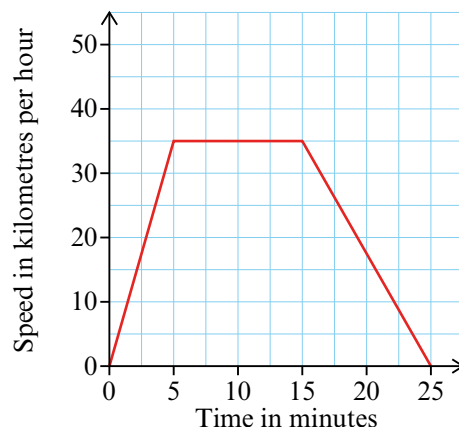
- Danni stopped for a rest at one point. What time did she stop?
- How long did she rest for?
- How far did she walk altogether?
- How long did her return journey take?
- What time did she get home?
- How much time did she spend walking?



explanation 2

3 The speed–time graph shows a local train journey between two stations.

- a** What is the speed of the train after 5 minutes?
- b** How long does the train travel at this speed?
- c** After how many minutes does the train start to slow down?
- d** Approximately what speed is the train travelling at after 20 minutes?
- e** How long did the journey take?



4 The graph shows the speed of a rollercoaster during the first 50 seconds of a ride.

- a** For how long did the rollercoaster travel at 2.5 metres per second?
- b** What is the speed of the rollercoaster after 30 seconds?
- c** What is the speed of the rollercoaster after 35 seconds?
- d** After how many seconds does the rollercoaster reach its maximum speed?
- e** What was the maximum speed of the rollercoaster?

