

### 1. What is a primary key in a table?

A **primary key** is a column (or set of columns) that uniquely identifies each row in a table.

- It contains **unique, non-null values**.
  - In Power BI, while there's no formal *primary key* constraint like in SQL, it's used conceptually for relationships.
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### 2. Name the two types of table relationships in Power BI.

- **One-to-many (1:\*)**: The most common, e.g., one customer → many sales transactions.
  - **Many-to-many (:)**: Used when both tables have non-unique keys.
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### 3. How do you create a relationship between two tables in Power BI?

- Go to **Model view**.
  - Drag a field from one table (key) to the corresponding field in another table.
  - Set **Cardinality** (1:\* or :) and **Cross filter direction** (single or both).
  - Click **OK** to confirm.
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### 4. What is a "star schema"?

A **star schema** is a data model design where:

- **Fact table** (contains numeric measures like sales, quantities) is in the center.
  - **Dimension tables** (customers, products, dates) surround it, connected by keys. It looks like a star in diagram view.
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### 5. Which table is typically the fact table in a sales dataset?

**Sales** — because it contains transactional data like Quantity, Amount, Date, ProductID, CustomerID.

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### 6. Link Sales.csv to Customers.csv using CustomerID (one-to-many).

- Ensure CustomerID in Customers is **unique** → "1" side.
  - CustomerID in Sales is **repeated** → "\*" side.
  - In **Model view**, drag CustomerID from Customers → CustomerID in Sales, set cardinality \*1: (single direction)\*\*.
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### 7. Why is ProductID in Sales.csv a foreign key?

Because it **refers** to a ProductID in the **Products** table to get product details (name, price). It's not unique in Sales.

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**8. Fix a relationship error where ProductID has mismatched data types.**

- In **Power Query**, select ProductID in both tables.
  - Transform → **Data Type** → choose the same type (e.g., Whole Number).
  - Apply changes and re-create the relationship.
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**9. Explain why a star schema improves performance.**

- Reduces **data duplication** and storage size.
  - Simplifies relationships → avoids complex joins.
  - Improves **DAX performance** because each dimension is filtered directly into the fact table without chaining.
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**10. Add a new column TotalSales in Sales (Quantity \* Price from Products).**

In DAX:

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TotalSales = Sales[Quantity] \* RELATED(Products[Price])

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**11. Optimize a model with circular relationships—how would you resolve it?**

- Remove one of the conflicting relationships.
  - Use **inactive relationships** with USERELATIONSHIP() in DAX when needed.
  - Break into a **star schema** to avoid loops.
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**12. Create a role-playing dimension for OrderDate and ShipDate.**

- Duplicate the **Date** table twice (OrderDateTable, ShipDateTable).
  - Link **OrderDateTable[Date]** → Sales[OrderDate] and **ShipDateTable[Date]** → Sales[ShipDate].
  - This allows filtering by each date independently.
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**13. Handle a many-to-many relationship between Customers and Products.**

- Create a **bridge table** with CustomerID + ProductID (all combinations that exist).
  - Link Customers → Bridge (1:), Products → Bridge (1:).
  - The bridge resolves :.
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**14. Use bidirectional filtering sparingly—when is it appropriate?**

- When you need **both tables to filter each other**, e.g., for certain calculations in many-to-many scenarios.
  - Avoid using it in large models—it can cause slow performance and incorrect results.
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**15. Write DAX to enforce referential integrity if a CustomerID is deleted.**

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ValidSales =

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CALCULATE (
    COUNTROWS ( Sales ),
    FILTER (
        Sales,
        NOT ISBLANK ( RELATED ( Customers[CustomerID] ) )
    )
)
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This counts only sales with matching Customers, ignoring “orphan” rows.