Lesson 3: Analyzing Change / Growth and Decay Formula

1. Indicate that there is a formula that can be used to calculate growth rate. For example, a $1,000 CD deposited for one year at a 10% interest rate will result in a $110 increase in value at the end of the year. The formula for calculating simple interest is given as:

   \[ I = P \times r \times t \]

   where:
   - \( I \) = interest
   - \( P \) = principal (initial amount)
   - \( r \) = rate of interest
   - \( t \) = time (in years)

2. Using the example of a $1,000 CD deposited for one year at a 10% interest rate, calculate the interest earned as follows:

   \[ I = 1000 \times 0.10 \times 1 = 100 \]

3. Discuss the concept of compound interest, which is interest earned on both the principal and the interest earned in previous periods. The formula for calculating compound interest is given as:

   \[ A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} \]

   where:
   - \( A \) = amount after \( t \) years
   - \( P \) = principal
   - \( r \) = annual interest rate
   - \( n \) = number of times interest is compounded per year
   - \( t \) = number of years

4. Calculate the amount after 2 years for a $1,000 CD deposited at a 10% annual interest rate, compounded annually (\( n = 1 \)):

   \[ A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.10}{1}\right)^{1 \times 2} = 1000 \times 1.21 = 1210 \]

5. Indicate that there is a formula that can be used to calculate decay rate. For example, a population of 10,000 bacteria decreases by 20% each day. The formula for calculating decay is given as:

   \[ n = n_0 \left(1 - r\right)^t \]

   where:
   - \( n \) = final amount
   - \( n_0 \) = initial amount
   - \( r \) = rate of decay
   - \( t \) = time

6. Calculate the final amount of bacteria after 6 days for a population of 10,000 bacteria that decreases by 20% each day:

   \[ n = 10000 \left(1 - 0.20\right)^6 = 10000 \times 0.263 = 2630 \]

Get Started:
1. This program is designed to supplement your existing program by replacing the need to keep on re-teaching the same concepts. It is designed to enhance understanding and critical thinking skills.

2. Include the lesson plans, activities, and worksheets in your curriculum to provide a comprehensive learning experience.

3. The materials are designed with flexibility to allow for differentiation in instruction. They can be used as a supplement, a stand-alone program, or in conjunction with other resources.

4. The program is suitable for students of different ability levels and can be adapted to meet the needs of special education and gifted programs.

5. The materials are intended to help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

6. The program is supported by teacher's guides and student workbooks, along with answer keys and other resources.

7. The program is designed to meet the needs of diverse learners, including those with special needs and English language learners.

8. The program is supported by research and is aligned with national standards and guidelines.

9. The program is available in multiple formats, including print and digital versions.

10. The program is accessible to students with varying levels of reading and mathematical abilities.

11. The program is designed to be used in conjunction with other existing curriculum materials.

12. The program is designed to be used in a variety of educational settings, including classrooms, home schools, and remedial programs.

13. The program is designed to be used as an intervention tool for struggling students.

14. The program is designed to be used as a supplement to other math programs.

15. The program is designed to be used as a stand-alone curriculum.

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Dear Teacher:

Welcome to Solving the Unknowns with Algebra, a new program aligned with [MATH STANDARD]. This program aims to help students develop skills in solving for unknowns and using formulas to solve real-world challenges; and to solve seemingly unsolvable mysteries, problems, and challenges. The materials inside engage students to follow the steps to solve the problems and to understand the concepts. The materials are designed with flexibility to accommodate the needs of different students.

The program includes:
- **Lesson Plans**
- **Activities**
- **Teacher’s Guide**
- **Student’s Workbooks**

The lesson plans are designed to be flexible and can be adapted to fit the needs of different classrooms. The activities are designed to be engaging and hands-on, allowing students to interact with the material and develop a deeper understanding of the concepts. The teacher’s guide provides guidance on how to teach the lesson plans and activities, as well as tips on how to adapt the materials to fit the needs of different students.

###Bonuses:

- **Worksheet Answer Key**
- **Poster/Teaching Guide**

These bonuses are designed to help students who are struggling with the concepts, and to provide additional resources for teachers.

###Materials:

- **Classroom materials**
- **Student workbooks**
- **Teacher’s guide**

These materials are designed to be easy to use and to accommodate the needs of different students.

###Getting Started:

This program is designed to supplement your existing curriculum and to help students develop critical thinking skills. The program includes:

- **Lesson Plans**
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###Contact Information:

For more information, please visit [www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/for-teachers](http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/for-teachers).

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Dear Teacher:

I’m including the children’s Introduction to Algebra, a project-based math curriculum designed to teach algebra skills and concepts. The full-year program includes lesson plans, student materials, and teacher’s guides. The worksheets and SOAP sheets are examples of the algebra skills kids will practice.

Getting Started:

This program is designed to supplement your existing curricula and to apply their math skills to real-world situations.

- **Worksheet Answer Key:**

  - Grades 6-8

  - Solving the Unknown with Algebra

- **Additional Resources:**

  - More Free Math Programs

- **Developed with:**

  - The Actual Foundation

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- **Connections:**

  - Measurement

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The Case of the Doubtful Sentence

Solving the equation with algebra—i.e., by getting the variable (s) by itself through question and replacement by equal value—is first to be handled in the class. Whether they are in the form of an equal sign or not, equations can be solved by using the basic method of solving. After the equation is written in the form of "a = b," the number "a" can be negligible or dependent on another number. The answer can be found by finding the value in the equation. The answer is then the number of the unknown. If the value is not in a form of "a = b," the procedure is not as clear.

The Case of the Doubtful Sentence

There are three explanations for a sentence that begins with "If..."

1. The natural interpretation is that the second part of the sentence is a condition that is necessary for the first part to be true.
2. The second interpretation is that the second part of the sentence is an alternative to the first part.
3. The third interpretation is that the second part of the sentence is an additional statement that is added to the first part.

The Case of the Doubtful Sentence

"If...", "then..." is a conditional sentence. It is a sentence that expresses a relationship between two events: an event that is assumed to happen and an event that results from it. The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam." The conditional sentence is used to express a condition that is necessary for another event to happen. For example, "If I study hard, then I will pass the exam."
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Time:
20–30 minutes, depending on student support needed; review worksheets as a class.

Lesson Plan

A. NoW trY this:

"Let us see if we have another case," said Rick. "I think we've got a little more information about the accident. Mrs. Finch and Rick have reviewed the previous facts about the accident. They say that the school has already had a similar incident of a speeding issue. They say that they use the time of their grade 8 year for community service projects. This year, the grade 9 students have a task which involves gathering evidence because the cross has to build flower beds. At the same time, a member of the市公安局, Athena, researches saving opportunities for the class and finds that:

- Route A (rough terrain): 2,000 feet per hour
- Route B (swampy): 3,000 feet per hour
- Route C (flat and dry): 6,000 feet per hour

B. There are three possible routes.

C. Which CD is the better deal? Explain your thinking. Did your calculations surprise you?

D. How much will the class have in two years if it buys a two-year CD with a 4.9% simple interest rate?

E. Assume next year’s 6th-grade class will raise $500. The class treasurer is concerned about how much the class needs to raise at its fund-raiser.

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G. The principal has urged the city to install a road sign in order to reduce the speeding issue. The principal suspects that this might help reduce the speeding issue.

Lesson 2

A. The Actuarial Foundation Web site at: www.scholastic.com/unexpectedmath

B. How much will the class have in two years if it buys a two-year CD with an interest rate of 4.9%?

C. What should Rick and Athena report to the principal about the speeding issue?

D. The 6th graders are offering a helping hand to the 5th graders. Because the class wants to build flower beds, they decide to build flower beds.

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F. How will we be able to solve this problem? Let’s work the math. The Actuarial Foundation Web site at: www.scholastic.com/unexpectedmath

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Lesson 3

A. How long is each route?

B. 37.5 feet

C. 9.375 feet

D. 24 feet

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The Case of the Doubtful Outcome

Solving the riddle with a trick—A story adapted with fun and engaging questions and solutions by using math—has resulted in a magic trick.

We have been asked to select the item for the final exam, the homework, and the answer key. These are the answers to the exam problems and solutions.

For the Exam: 

1. What is the answer to the exam problems? 
2. What are the solutions to the exam problems? 
3. How do we know the solutions are correct? 

For the Homework: 

1. What are the homework problems? 
2. What are the solutions to the homework problems? 
3. How do we know the solutions are correct? 

For the Answer Key: 

1. What are the answer keys? 
2. What are the solutions to the answer keys? 
3. How do we know the solutions are correct? 

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Lesson 2

Functions and Formulas/Square Roots

1. Ask the class to define what a square is. After students mention that a square has four equal sides and four right angles, write a square and break it down for students.

2. Distribute calculators (or calculators). Read the directions for the activity. Explain that students will use calculators to find square roots and that calculators are often used in the real world.

3. Introduce the radical sign notation, e.g., that \( \sqrt{25} = 5 \) and can be used to manipulate equations as long as “whatever is done to one side is done to the other.”

4. Go back to the formula for area, e.g., that the area of a square is \( \text{side} \times \text{side} \).

5. Ask students to recall the area formula for a square and write \( A = s^2 \). Have students work in groups to solve for the unknown side, e.g., that a square with an area of 25 square feet has sides that are 5 feet long.

6. Distribute Worksheet 2 as needed. Ask students to complete the worksheet. Review answers as a class.

7. Introduce an example where the area is not a perfect square, e.g., 26 square feet.

8. Ask how we can find out what \( s \) is. Write \( A = s^2 \), where \( A = 26 \) square feet. Have students work in groups to solve for the unknown side, e.g., that the square root of 26 is not a whole number.

Materials:
- Calculators (or calculators)
- Worksheet 2

Time:
20–30 minutes, depending on class review needs; additional time for worksheets

Take-Home Activity 2

Students complete the worksheet. Review answers as a class.

Materials:
- Calculators (or calculators)
- Worksheet 2

Time:
10–15 minutes, depending on class review needs; additional time for worksheets

Lesson 3

Analyzing Change/Growth and Decay Formula

"R2-D2"-style—preparing to enter the subject of growth and decay. Students have been introduced to various facets of math and can be used to introduce new material. The lesson will help students connect growth and decay to the real world. Students will understand what a principal amount, an interest rate, and the number of years mean.

Materials:
- Project "R2-D2"—sketch of R2-D2 (include a number line and a y-axis with an equation)
- Handout "How the Math Academy Series Works"

Time:
30 minutes

Instructions:

1. Ask students to recall the meaning of the terms principal, interest rate, and number of years.

2. Remind students that whatever is done to one side is done to the other.

3. Introduce the concept of a principal amount. Ask students what a principal amount is and how it is used in the real world.

4. Explain that the interest rate is the percentage of the principal amount that is charged or earned over a certain period of time.

5. Ask students how the number of years is used in the real world.

6. Ask students to work in groups to solve for the unknown variable, e.g., that the number of years is key here.

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Dear Teacher:

I am writing to inform you that Scholastic and The Actuarial Foundation have joined forces to offer you a fresh, innovative math program called Solving the Unknown with Algebra.

This program is designed to complement your existing curriculum, offering a new way to teach the important concepts of algebra by embedding them within a storyline.

Solving the Unknown with Algebra:

1. **Focuses on Key Skills**: The program emphasizes key concepts such as proportions, radicals, and exponents, while also teaching students how to solve seemingly unsolvable mysteries through powerful mathematical thinking.
2. **Story-driven Learning**: It features a storyline that immerses students in a world of intrigue and adventure, making the learning of algebra both engaging and meaningful.
3. **Interactive Worksheets**: Each worksheet is designed to complement the story, providing practical applications of algebraic concepts.
4. **Supplementary Materials**: The program comes with additional resources such as posters, student emojis, and bonus worksheets.
5. **NCTM Standards Alignment**: The content is aligned with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Standards, ensuring that it meets educational benchmarks.

Getting Started:

This program is designed to supplement your existing curriculum and offer a fresh perspective on teaching algebra. It is available for all grades and can be integrated into your lessons to provide a dynamic and engaging learning experience for your students.

Please let me know if you would like more information or if you are interested in trying out the program. I would be happy to provide you with samples or answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

The Scholastic Inc. Team

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**Lesson 1**

**Materials:**
- Student book
- Additional handouts
- 50 to 100 whiteboards
- 100 dry erase markers
- 50 class sets of algebra manipulatives
- 100 sets of algebra tiles
- 50 calculators

**Directions:**

1. Introduce the concept of algebra by explaining that it is a branch of mathematics that uses symbols, usually letters, to represent numbers or quantities. Emphasize that algebra helps us solve problems by using these symbols to represent unknowns.
2. Teach the basics of algebra, such as variables, equations, and operations.
3. Provide examples of algebraic expressions and equations, and guide students through solving them.
4. Encourage students to practice solving problems and equations on their own.

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**Lesson 2**

**Materials:**
- Student book
- Additional handouts
- 50 to 100 whiteboards
- 100 dry erase markers
- 50 class sets of algebra manipulatives
- 100 sets of algebra tiles
- 50 calculators

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