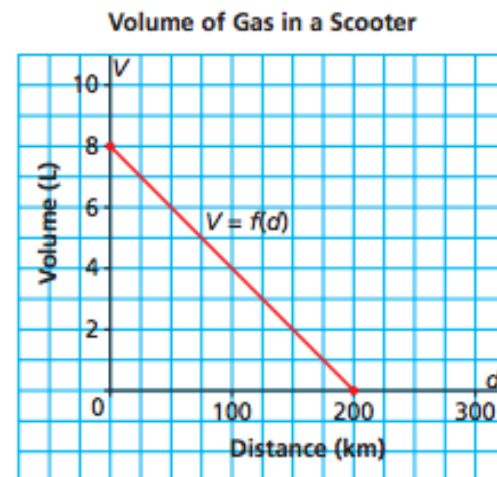# 5.7 Interpreting Graphs of Linear Functions

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* A straight line that is not vertical always represents a ☐

* You can always use the ☐ to describe the graph of a linear function.

This graph shows the fuel consumption of a scooter with a full tank of gas at the beginning of a journey.

Volume of Gas in a Scooter

a) Write the coordinates of the points where the graph intersects the axes. Determine the vertical and horizontal intercepts. Describe what the points of intersection represent.

b) What are the domain and range of this function?

c) Find the slope of the graph

* If you have the equation of a function, you can make a graph by finding only the ☐ and then connecting the points.

> To find the x-intercept, replace y = 0 and solve for x
> To find the y-intercept, replace x = 0 and solve for y

ex. Sketch the graph of the f(x) = 2x - 3 and find the rate of change (slope).
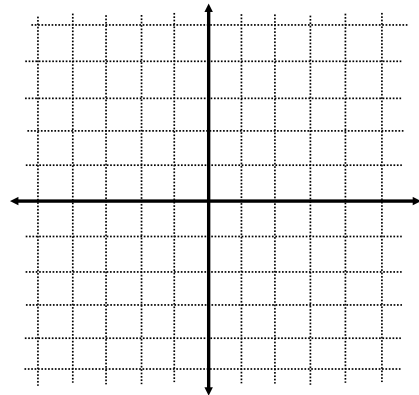
x-int.

y-int.

* If m > 0, the function is increasing

* If m < 0, the function is decreasing

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