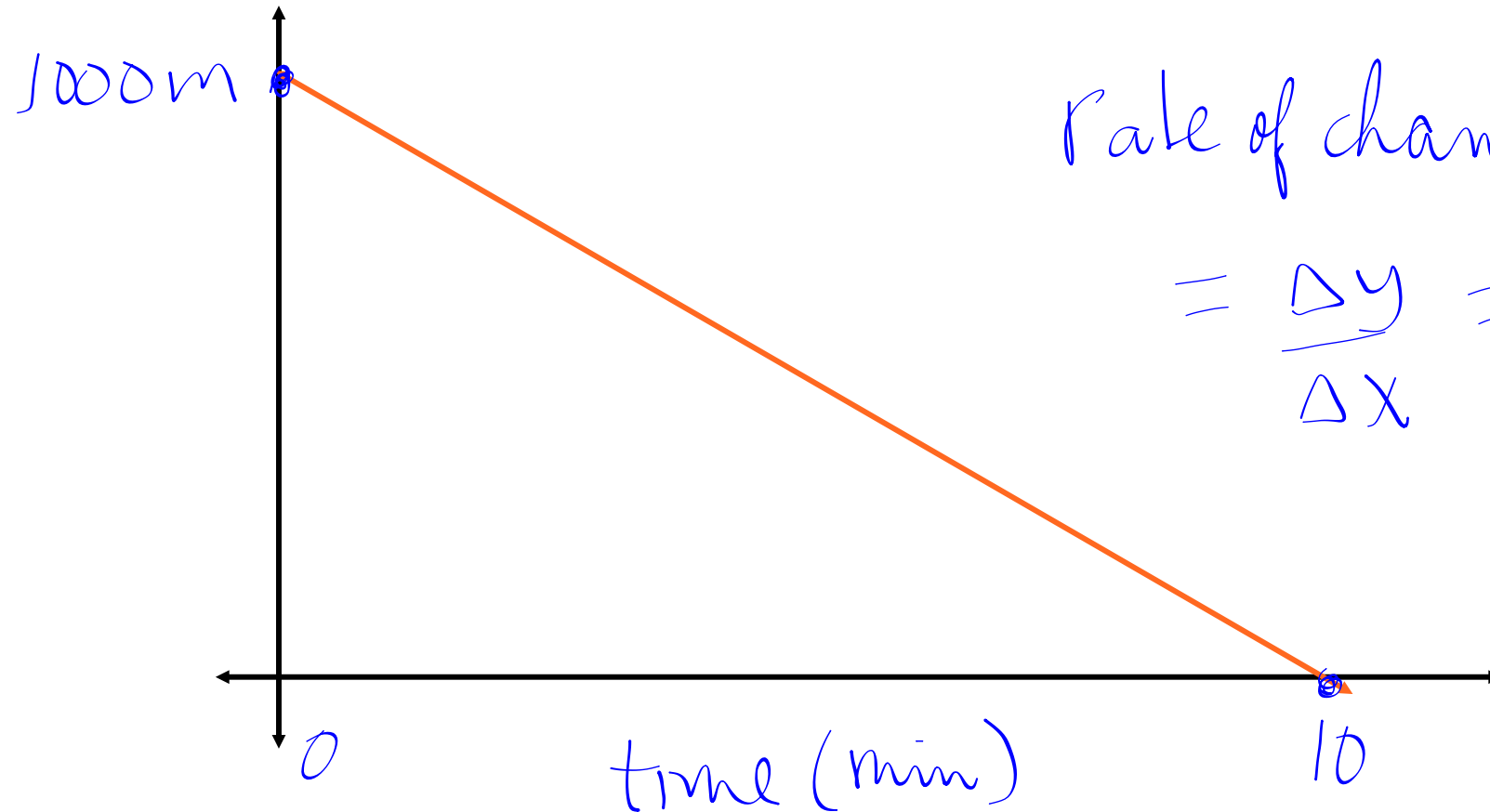


Make Connections: pg. 311



Rate of change

$$= \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{-1000 \text{ m}}{10 \text{ min}}$$

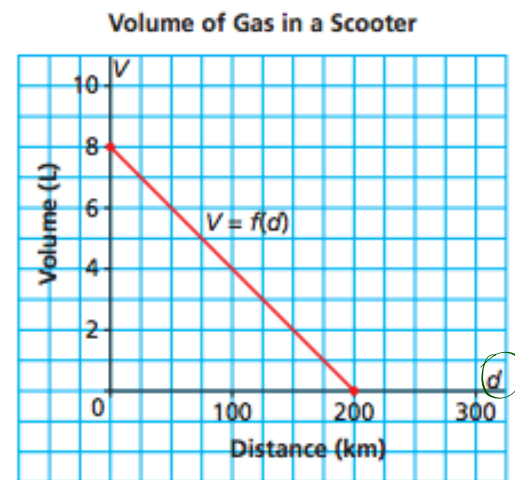
$$= -100 \text{ m/min}$$

## 5.7 Interpreting Graphs of Linear Functions

Make Connections: pg. 311

- \* A straight line that is not vertical always represents a **linear function**
- \* You can always use the **x and y intercepts** 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.



a)  $(200, 0) \Rightarrow x\text{-int.}$

$(0, 8) \Rightarrow y\text{-int.}$

amount of fuel in the tank  
distance travelled on a tank of fuel

b)  $D = \{d \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq d \leq 200\}$   
 $R = \{v \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq v \leq 8\}$

- 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

c)  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

$= \frac{-8 \text{ L}}{200 \text{ km}}$

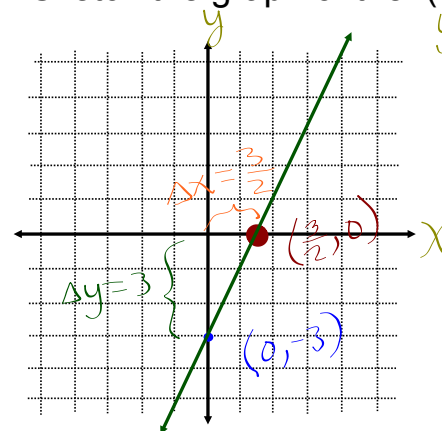
$= -0.04 \text{ L/km}$

\* If you have the equation of a function, you can make a graph by finding only the **intercepts** 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).



$$y = 2x - 3$$

x-int.:  $y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2x - 3$   
 $3 = 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$

y-int.:  $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2(0) - 3$   
 $y = -3$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{3/2} = 3 \div \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$m = 2$$

positive  
 \* If  $m > 0$ , the function is increasing  
 \* If  $m < 0$ , the function is decreasing  
 negative

} from left to right