

Distance, Rate, and Time

The formula $d = r \times t$ uses symbols to relate the quantities for distance (d), average rate of speed (r), and time (t).

Example 1

How long will it take a car moving at 50 mph to travel 70 mi?

Substitute what you know into the formula $d = r \times t$.

Solve the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 70 \text{ mi} &= 50 \text{ mph} \times t \\ \frac{70 \text{ mi}}{50 \text{ mph}} &= \frac{50 \text{ mph} \times t}{50 \text{ mph}} \\ 1.4 \text{ h} &= t \end{aligned}$$

It will take 1.4 h to travel 70 mi at 50 mph.

Example 2

A car travels 325 mi in 5 h. What is its rate of speed?

Substitute what you know into the formula $d = r \times t$.

Solve the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 325 \text{ mi} &= r \times 5 \text{ h} \\ \frac{325 \text{ mi}}{5 \text{ h}} &= \frac{r \times 5 \text{ h}}{5 \text{ h}} \\ 65 \text{ mph} &= r \end{aligned}$$

The rate of speed of a car that travels 325 mi in 5 h is 65 mph.

1. An airplane flies at 250 mph. How far will it travel in 5 h at that rate of speed?

Substitute the information you know into the formula $d = r \times t$:

$$d = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solve the equation.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Write the answer with the correct units.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Find the missing variable.

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2. Distance = 60 km | time = 4 h | rate = _____ |
| 3. Distance = 24 cm | time = 12 sec | rate = _____ |
| 4. Distance = 56 yd | time = _____ | rate = 8 yd/min |
| 5. Distance = _____ | time = 25 d | rate = 160 m/d |

6. **Writing to Explain** A storm is 15 mi from Lodi. If the storm travels at 6 mph towards the city, how many hours will it take for the storm to get to Lodi? Show your work.
