Functions are used to show a relationship between two quantities. We will represent functions with words, tables, symbols, and graphs. Not all relationships can be considered functions however.

Function – a relationship between two sets of quantities, where

The Input -

The Output -

**Function Notation –** 

A picture:

Input 
$$x$$
  $\longrightarrow$  Function  $f$   $\longrightarrow$  Output  $y = f(x)$ 

Wages Example -

## 1. Is it a Function?

a) Input \$1 to Quarter (25¢) Change Machine (what's the output?)

vs.

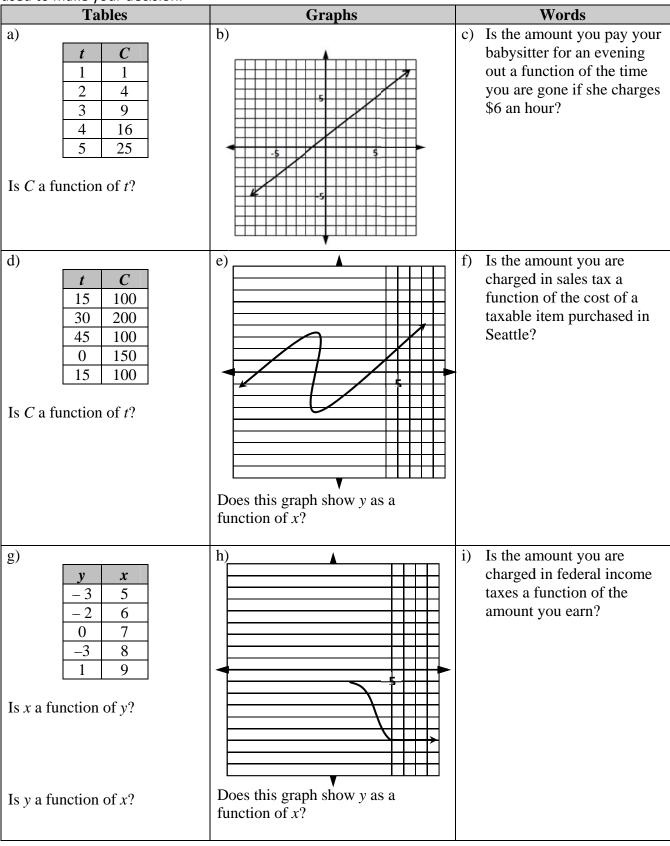
Input \$1 into Slot Machine (what's the output?)

b)	Input – Baseball Team	Output – Baseball City
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c)	Input – Baseball City	Output – Baseball Team
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## We need to be able to:

- Decide if a relationship is a function
- Evaluate a function
- Graph a function
- Determine what numbers or values are allowed as inputs (Domain)
- Determine what numbers or values can result as outputs (Range)

**2.** For each of the examples in the table below, state whether the table, graph, or words do or do not describe a functional relationship. If it does not, provide an explanation or circle the features you used to make your decision.



## **Vertical Line Test –**

**Evaluating Functions -** The first step is being able to read and interpret the symbols in the name of a function.

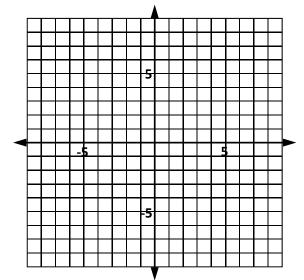
**3.** In the following examples, use the tables, graphs, and symbols to evaluate the given functions.

Tables	Graphs	Symbols	
j)    n   p(n)	k)	1) If $f(r) = 2 + 7r - r^2$ , • Compute $f(3)$	
<ul> <li>Compute p(0)</li> <li>Find p(-1)</li> </ul>	• Compute <i>H</i> (1)	• Evaluate $f(r)$ at $r = 8$	
• Find $n$ such that $p(n)=13.5$	<ul> <li>What is H(-7)</li> <li>For what values of x is H(x)=5</li> </ul>	• Find $f(-2)$	

## **Graphing a function**

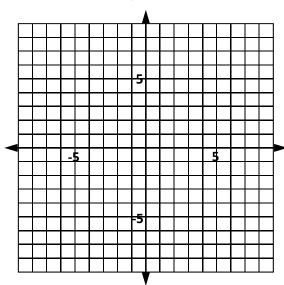
- 2. To graph a function, use the "creating a table of values" approach.
  - a) Graph f(x) = 3x 5

X	f(x)



b) Graph  $q(x) = x^2 - 3$ 

Х	q(x)



c) Graph  $s(x) = 3\sqrt{x}$ 

Х	q(x)