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Unit 6: Sequences

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Notes: Arithmetic Sequences

Main Ideas/Questions	Notes/Examples	
Arithmetic Sequence	A sequence in which the pattern is being added (+) or subtracted (-) by the same amount between all numbers	
Common Difference	2 nd number – 1 st number is the <i>common difference</i>	
	Must check for each term	
	Ex. 3 rd number – 2 nd number, 4 th number – 3 rd number, etc.	
Identifying an Arithmetic Sequence	Determine whether the sequences are arithmetic. If yes, identify the common difference.	
	1. 1, 5, 9, 13, ...	2. 1, 3, 5, 8, ...
	3. 8, 6, 4, 2, ...	4. -5, -8, -11, -14, ...
	5. 5, 10, 20, 40, ...	6. 7, 6, 5, 4, ...
Continuing an Arithmetic Sequence	Given the arithmetic sequence, find the next three terms.	
	7. 9, 13, 17, 21, _____, _____, _____	
	8. 5, 2, -1, -4, _____, _____, _____	
9. -8, -2, 4, 10, _____, _____, _____		
Arithmetic Sequence Formula	<p>The n^{th} term of an arithmetic sequence can be found by using the following formula:</p> $a_n = a_1 + d(n - 1)$ <p>where: n = the number of the term you are looking for, d = the common difference, and a_1 = the 1st number you see in the sequence given</p>	
Examples	Write the rule for the n^{th} term, then find a_{19}.	
	10. 7, 13, 19, 25, ...	11. 30, 26, 22, 18, ...

	<p>12. -11, -8, -5, -2, ...</p>	<p>13. -2, 0, 2, 4, ...</p>
	<p>14. -16, -21, -26, -31, ...</p>	<p>15. 101, 92, 83, 74, ...</p>
<p>Applications</p>	<p>16. You visit the Grand Canyon and drop a penny off the edge of the cliff. The distance the penny will fall is 16 feet for the first second, 48 feet for the next second, 80 feet the third second, and so on.</p> <p>a. Write a formula to represent this sequence.</p> <p>b. How far will the penny have traveled after 6 seconds?</p>	
	<p>17. The total bank loan for Sarah's new car is \$15,265. The bank automatically withdraws \$295.80 each month to pay off the car.</p> <p>a. Write a formula to represent this sequence.</p> <p>b. What will be the balance of the loan after 2 years?</p>	