

# Writing Contracts

Lesson time: 30-60 Minutes

## LESSON OVERVIEW

Students will work their way through a number of new functions, first using each to solve a problem, and then writing a contract which describes it.

## LESSON OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- Decompose existing functions.
- Write contracts that describe functions.
- Experiment with basic geometric transformations.

## ANCHOR STANDARD

Common Core Math Standards

- **8.G.1:** Verify experimentally the properties of rotations, reflections, and translations:

*Additional standards alignment can be found at the end of this lesson*

### TEACHING SUMMARY

#### Getting Started

- 1) [Vocabulary](#)
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# TEACHING GUIDE

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## GETTING STARTED

### 1) Vocabulary

This lesson has three new and important words:

- **Rotate** - to turn a shape about a point.
- **Scale** - to increase the dimensions of a shape by the same factor in all directions. Also known as dilate.
- **Translate** - to move a shape from one location to another. The **offset** function performed this transformation.

### 2) Introduction

Review with students the purpose of a Contract:

- Describes three elements of a function
  - Name (what is the function called)
  - Domain (what inputs does it take)
  - Range (what does it output)
- As a class, describe the Contracts for some basic mathematical operators
  - Addition (name +, domain Number Number, range Number)
  - Subtraction (name -, domain Number Number, range Number)
  - Multiplication (name \*, domain Number Number, range Number)
  - Power of two (name sqr, domain Number, range Number)

## ACTIVITY: WRITING CONTRACTS

### 3) Online Puzzles

In this stage you'll be looking at some functions, some of which you've seen before and some which are brand new. For each function you'll first get a chance to use the function, and then you'll write a Contract for it. Make sure to document any new Contracts on your Contract Log. Head to [CS in Algebra stage 5](#) in Code Studio to get started programming.



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