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	Part 1. Ex	kploring Garden	S
•	ite pattern-block pieces iles surround each gard	s, assemble the gardens bel den.	ow. Black tiles represent
Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4
Find out how mar Organize your inform		ed to complete each garder	n
2. Give an explanati	ion of what garden 5 wo	ould look like	

Create a sketch of this garden.

3. Predict the total number of white squares you will need to build garden 15
Explain your reasoning.
4. Write a rule that gives the total number of white squares to build any garden in this sequence.

Part 2. Affine Functions

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5. Create a table that relates the garden number (input data value) to the number of white squares (output data value), and write their associated coordinates.

Garden	White Squares	Coordinates
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

6. Using the above table data values, draw the Cartesian axes on grid paper and make a graph.

7. Does joining the points on the graph with a straight line make sense? Explain your reasoning.
8. According to the growing pattern shown, how many white tiles would garden #0 have? Is your result consistent with the one predicted by the graph?
9. Given a garden, how many white tiles are needed to build the next one? Can you explain how your answer is related to the graph and to the table?
10. If the points on the graph were connected by a straight line, what would its slope be? And what would its y-intercept be? Why?
11. Can you relate the slope and the rule obtained in question 4?

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Using black and		ploring Garden dens. Black tiles are garder	
Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4
1. What is the nu		for each garden?	
2. Explain what g	arden 5 would look like? _		

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Draw a picture of this garden.

3. How many tiles do you think garden 15 will need?
How did you get that answer?
4. Create a formula that can show how many white tiles we need to build any of the gardens
above

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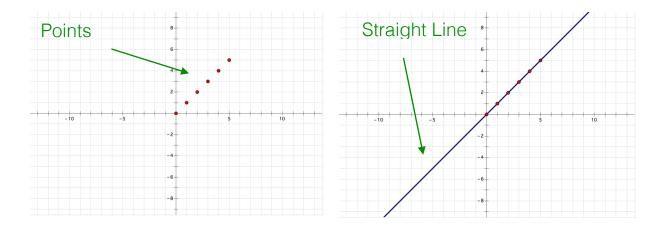
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5. Make a table that displays the garden number and how many white squares each garden has. Coordinates = (Garden number, Number of white squares)

Garden	White Squares	Coordinates
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

6. Use the table above to create a coordinate plane on grid paper and make a graph.

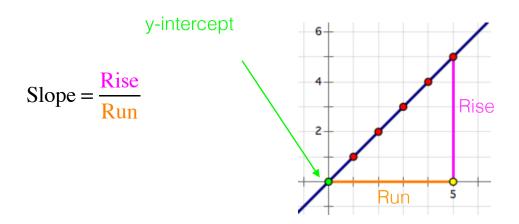
7. Is it possible to join the points on the graph with a straight line? Why?



8. Use the growing pattern shown above to decide how many white tiles garden #0 would have. Does your answer match the graph?

9. Use any garden and decide how many white tiles are needed to build the next garden. Did you use the table and graph to get your answer? How?

10. If the points on the graph were connected by a straight line, what would its slope be? And what would its y-intercept be? Why?



11. Can you relate the slope and the rule obtained in question 4?

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Part 1. Exploring Gardens Join the tiles. Garden (Black Tile) White Tile Garden 1 Garden 2 Garden 3 Garden 4 1. What is the number of white tiles needed for each garden? _____ Organize your information. 2. What would garden 5 look like? _____

Draw garden 5.

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3. How many tiles does garden 15 need?
Why?
4. Make a formula to show how many white tiles a garden needs

Part 2. Linear Functions

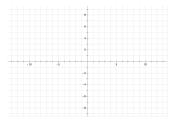
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5. Make a table. Show garden number and number of white squares in the table. Coordinates = (Garden number, Number of white squares)

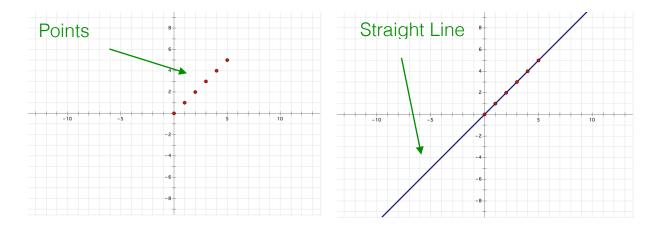
Garden	White Squares	Coordinates
1		
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6. Use the table above to make a coordinate plane on grid paper. Make a graph.

Coordinate plane:



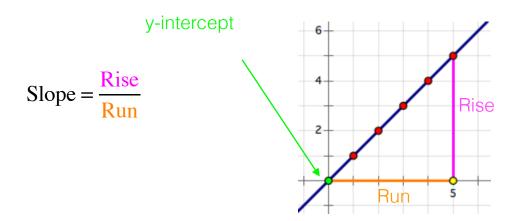
7. Can you connect the points on the graph with a straight line? Why?



8. Look at the growing pattern shown above. What is the number of white tiles garden #0 would have? Does this number match the graph?

9. Look at a garden. How many white tiles do you need to build the next garden? Did you use the table and graph to get your answer? How?

10. If the points on the graph were connected by a straight line, what would its slope be? And what would its y-intercept be? Why?



11. Can you relate the slope and the rule obtained in question 4?