

A. Lesson Context

BIG PICTURE of this UNIT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How & why do we build NEW knowledge in Mathematics? • What NEW IDEAS & NEW CONCEPTS can we now explore with specific references to QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS? • How can we extend our knowledge of FUNCTIONS, given our BASIC understanding of Functions? 		
CONTEXT of this LESSON:	<p>Where we've been</p> <p>In Lessons 5, you worked with quadratic MODELS in word problems in the form of $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$</p>	<p>Where we are</p> <p>HOW do we apply the vertex form of quadratic models in contextual problems</p>	<p>Where we are heading</p> <p>How do we extend our knowledge & skills of quadratic functions, given the new ideas & concepts we now know about functions.</p>

B. Lesson Objectives

- a. Apply the equation $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ to geometrical contexts and to modeling contexts as well as data contexts (scatter plots)

C. Fast Five (Skills Review Focus)

Solve the equation $0 = -2(x + 2)^2 + 32$

Find the vertex of the parabola $y = x^2 + 6x - 7$

A parabola with the equation of $y = a(x - h)^2 - 2$ goes through the points (1,2) and (-5,-1). Find the values of a and h .

D. Modeling with Quadratic Functions (Example #1 – Geometric Context)

A quadratic function is defined by the equation $f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5$.

- (a) Rewrite the equation in vertex form and state the optimal value of the quadratic function.
- (b) Find the zeroes of the parabola.
- (c) Sketch the parabola, labelling the vertex and the y-intercept.
- (d) Solve $f(x) = -5$.
- (e) AP/HL → Using your answer from Q(a), isolate x
- (f) AP/HL → How would you solve the equation $0 = x^2 - 4x + 5$, given your work in Q(a)

E. Modeling with Quadratic Functions (Example #2 – Free Fall)

The underside of a concrete railway underpass forms a parabolic arch. The arch is 24 m wide at the base and 8.0 m high in the center. The upper surface of the underpass is 40 m wide. The concrete is 2 m thick at the center. Can a truck that is 5 m wide and 7.5 m tall get through this underpass if the time is 3:30pm?



- Visualize the information by drawing a diagram wherein you label the relevant information.
- Recall that our general starting point would be a quadratic model and that the vertex form of the equation is $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$
- How can you use the quadratic equation to address the problem of the truck passing through the underpass?

F. Modeling with Quadratic Functions (Example #3)

Smoke jumpers are firefighters who parachute into remote locations to suppress forest fires. They are often the first people to arrive at a fire. When smoke jumpers exit an airplane, they are in free fall until their parachutes open.

A quadratic relation can be used to determine the height, H , in metres, of a jumper t seconds after exiting an airplane. In this relation, $a = -0.5g$, where g is the acceleration due to gravity. On Earth, $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.

- ❓ If a jumper exits an airplane at a height of 554 m, how long will the jumper be in free fall before the parachute opens at 300 m?

AP/HL → If the parachute reduces the acceleration due to gravity by half, how much longer does it take for the smoke jumper to hit the ground?



G. Modeling with Quadratic Functions (Example #4)

The Next Cup coffee shop sells a special blend of coffee for \$2.60 per mug. The shop sells about 200 mugs per day at this price. Customer surveys show that for every \$0.05 decrease in price, the shop would sell 10 more mugs per day.

(HINT: start with numbers and a data table to see what may be going on)

- (a) Determine the REVENUE that the coffee shop makes initially, given the price per mug and the amount of mugs sold.
- (b) Since we are making changes in the pricing & revenues of the coffee shop, we need to decide upon an INDEPENDENT variable to use in modeling a change in the revenues → so we need an $R(x)$ equation
- (c) Determine the MAXIMUM daily revenue from coffee sales and the price per mug in order to earn this revenue.
- (d) Write an equation in both standard form and vertex form to model this problem. Then sketch the graph.

