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Graphing Notes/Worksheet

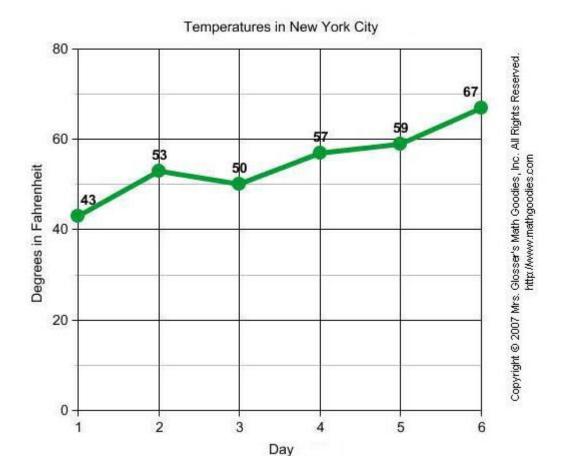
Let's define the various parts of a line graph.

| title | The title of the line graph tells us what the graph is about. |
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| labels | The horizontal label across the bottom and the vertical label along the side tells us what kinds of facts are listed. |
| scales | The horizontal scale across the bottom and the vertical scale along the side tell us how much or how many. |
| points | The points or dots on the graph show us the facts. |
| lines | The lines connecting the points give estimates of the values between the points. |

Example 1: The table below shows daily temperatures for New York City, recorded for 6 days, in degrees Fahrenheit.

| Temperatures In NY City | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Day | Temperature | | |
| 1 | 43° F | | |
| 2 | 53° F | | |
| 3 | 50° F | | |
| 4 | 57° F | | |
| 5 | 59° F | | |
| 6 | 67° F | | |

The data from the table above has been summarized in the line graph below.





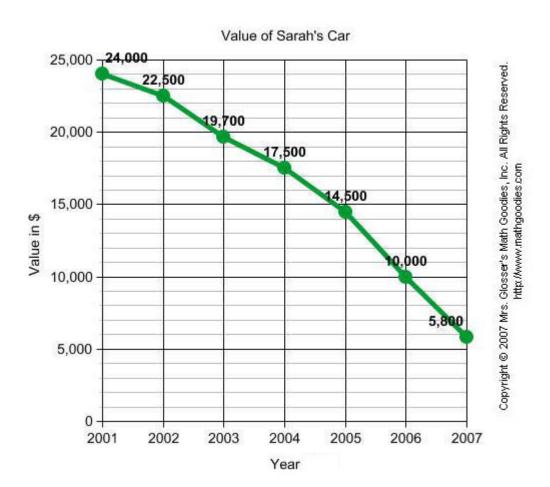
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Example 2: Sarah bought a new car in 2001 for \$24,000. The dollar value of her car changed each year as shown in the table below.

| Value of Sarah's Car | | | |
|----------------------|----------|--|--|
| Year | Value | | |
| 2001 | \$24,000 | | |
| 2002 | \$22,500 | | |
| 2003 | \$19,700 | | |
| 2004 | \$17,500 | | |
| 2005 | \$14,500 | | |
| 2006 | \$10,000 | | |
| 2007 | \$ 5,800 | | |

The data from the table above has been summarized in the line graph below.



In Example 1, the temperature changed from day to day. In Example 2, the value of Sarah's car decreased from year to year. In Example 3, Sam's weight increased each month. Each of these line graphs shows a change in data over time. A **line graph** is useful for displaying data or information that changes continuously over time. Another name for a line graph is a line chart. The graph below will be used to help us define the parts of a line graph.





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