

## Constant Acceleration Problems

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1. A car on the highway constantly accelerates from an initial speed of 20 m/s to a final speed of 30 m/s over a time of 5 seconds.
  - a. What was the car's acceleration?
  - b. What was the car's average speed?
  - c. How far did the car travel during this 5 seconds?
  
2. A Boeing 767 airplane can accelerate at a rate of  $3.3 \text{ m/s}^2$ . If a 767 starts from rest,
  - a. How many seconds will it take to reach a take-off speed of 100 m/s?
  - b. How far would it travel in that time?
  - c. What would be the average speed of the plane over this interval?
  
3. Bill constantly accelerates from rest, covering a distance of 20 meters in a time of 3.0 seconds.
  - a. What was Bill's acceleration?
  - b. What was his final velocity?
  
4. Emily is riding her bike with a speed of 5 m/s. She then constantly accelerates at a rate of  $2 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
  - a. How long will it take her to reach a speed of 10 m/s?
  - b. How far will she travel in that time?
  - c. What is her average speed for this interval?
  
5. Chelsea is rollerblading down Charter Road with a velocity of 18 m/s when a small child jumps out in front of her, and she attempts to stop. If her acceleration was a constant rate of  $-1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,
  - a. After 4 seconds, how fast is Chelsea going?
  - b. How many seconds will it take her to stop?
  - c. How far does she travel before she comes to rest?
  - d. Why is her acceleration negative?

Answers:

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| 1) a. $a=2 \text{ m/s}^2$   | b. $v_{ave}=25 \text{ m/s}$ | c. $d=125 \text{ m}$    | 2) a. $t=30.3 \text{ s}$ | b. $d=1515 \text{ m}$                 | c. $v_{ave}=50 \text{ m/s}$ |
| 3) a. $a=4.4 \text{ m/s}^2$ | b. $v_f=13.2 \text{ m/s}$   | 4) a. $t=2.5 \text{ s}$ | b. $d=18.75 \text{ m}$   | c. $v_{ave}=7.5 \text{ m/s}$          |                             |
| 5) a. $v_f=12 \text{ m/s}$  | b. $t=12 \text{ s}$         | c. $d=108 \text{ m}$    |                          | d. slowing down in positive direction |                             |