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## Describing Functions

## Learning Goals

- Describe a function rule using words.
- Compare the verbal description of a function to its algebraic form.
- Write function rules in algebraic form.

1. EXPLORE - Open the Function Builder simulation and explore. What do you notice?
2. BUILD - Go to the Numbers screen and build 3 multistep functions. Describe your function.
*Use a variety of operations*

| Function | Describe how the function rule changes the <br> INPUTS. |
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3. SHARE - Compare your functions with a partner. Record one of your partner's functions below and describe how the function rule changes the INPUTS.
*Choose a function that is different from the ones that you created*

| Function | Describe how the function rule changes the INPUTS. |
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*Challenge - Can you build a function that always has the same output?

4. BUILD - Go to the Equations screen. Build functions using three different operations. *DO NOT click simplify for the equation*

| Function | Explain how the equation relates to <br> each operation in the function. |
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5. DISCUSS - With your partner, discuss how you think the function below changes the INPUTS. Fill in the function rule with the correct operations.
$y=\frac{3(x+1)}{-2}$

6. CHALLENGE - On the Equations screen, create a three-step function using a variety of operations. Click the hide (ब) button. Can your partner guess your function rule?
7. WRITE - Go back to the functions that you built in \#2. Write an equation to model those functions.
