

# Pattern Power

*Find the rule, then make the pattern grow or shrink.*

**GRADE 4 • 4.PFA.1.a**

**4.PFA.1.a** "Identify, describe, extend, and create increasing and decreasing patterns using various representations (e.g., objects, pictures, numbers, number lines, input/output tables, and function machines)."

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## FIND THE CHANGE

A pattern follows a rule. Look at how each number changes, then use the same change to extend the pattern. In a table or function machine, use the input and output to find the rule.

## WORKED EXAMPLE

What number comes next? 61, 70, 79, 88, \_\_\_\_

1.  $70 - 61 = 9$ .

2.  $79 - 70 = 9$ , and  $88 - 79 = 9$ .

3. The pattern increases by 9 each time.

4.  $88 + 9 = 97$ .

**Answer: 97**

## PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Extend the increasing pattern: 12, 16, 20, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_. Describe the rule.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** Extend the decreasing pattern: 63, 56, 49, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_. Describe the rule.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** A number line is marked 4, 8, 12, 16, \_\_\_\_.  
What are the next three marked numbers?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4** Complete the input/output table. Then describe the rule. Input: 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 Output: 4 | 12 | 20 | \_\_\_\_

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 5** A function machine has this pattern: 8 goes to 12, 13 goes to 17, and 18 goes to \_\_\_\_.  
What is the rule?

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6** Start at 40. Make a decreasing pattern by subtracting 6 each time: 40, 34, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** In a video game, Kai earns 12 points on Monday and 16 points on Tuesday. Each day, Kai earns 4 more points than the day before. How many points does Kai earn on Friday?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** For friendship bracelets, Elena uses 72 beads for the first bracelet. Each new bracelet uses 8 fewer beads than the one before it. How many beads does she use for the fifth bracelet?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHALLENGE One step up

### CHALLENGE

Complete the table and describe the function rule. Input: 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 Output: 14 | 20 | 26 | 32 | \_\_\_\_

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## PART 1 • PRACTICE

| # | PROBLEM                                                                                                     | ANSWER                              |
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| 1 | Extend the increasing pattern: 12, 16, 20, ____, ____. Describe the rule.                                   | <b>24, 28; add 4 each time</b>      |
| 2 | Extend the decreasing pattern: 63, 56, 49, ____, ____. Describe the rule.                                   | <b>42, 35; subtract 7 each time</b> |
| 3 | A number line is marked 4, 8, 12, 16, ____. What are the next three marked numbers?                         | <b>20, 24, 28</b>                   |
| 4 | Complete the input/output table. Then describe the rule.<br>Input: 1   3   5   6 Output: 4   12   20   ____ | <b>24; multiply the input by 4</b>  |
| 5 | A function machine has this pattern: 8 goes to 12, 13 goes to 17, and 18 goes to ____. What is the rule?    | <b>22; add 4</b>                    |
| 6 | Start at 40. Make a decreasing pattern by subtracting 6 each time: 40, 34, ____, ____, ____.                | <b>28, 22, 16</b>                   |

## PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 28 points** Continue the pattern: Wednesday is 20, Thursday is 24, and Friday is 28.
- 40 beads** The bead pattern is 72, 64, 56, 48, 40. The fifth bracelet uses 40 beads.

## CHALLENGE

**38; multiply the input by 3, then add 8**

Accept equivalent rule language, such as "increase by 4" for "add 4." For the challenge, students must identify both steps of the rule, multiply by 3 and then add 8.