## What is a Function? The Difference between Functions and Relations


(1) Find three main facts about functions.


Describe Herman's problems with the vending machine.Explain the difference between functions and relations.

Decide which mapping diagrams represent a function.

Identify which statements are describing a function.

Determine if the assignment is a function or relation.with lots of tips, answer keys, and detailed answer explanations for all of the problems.

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## Find three main facts about functions.

Fill in the blanks.

| output | unique | range | input | domain | output | nput |
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1 There is a set of all $\qquad$ values $x$, called the $\qquad$

2 A function $f(x)$ changes an $\qquad$ 3 value $x$ into a $\qquad$
$\qquad$ value $y$.

3 The set of all $\qquad$ 6 values $y$ is called the $\qquad$

## Hints for solving these problems

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## Hint \#1



Each element of the left set is assigned to one element of the right set.

## Hint \#2

The following is an example of a function:
you $\rightarrow$ your age.

Hint \#3
Keep in mind that not every relation is a function. For example:
you $\rightarrow$ the names of all your friends.

## Answers and detailed answer explanations for these problems

## 1 Find three main facts about functions.

Answer key: 1: input // 2: domain // 3: input // 4: unique // 5: output // 6: output // 7: range

There are three main facts about functions:

1. There is a set of all input values $x$, called the domain.
2. A function $f(x)$ changes an input value $x$ into a unique output value $y$.
3. The set of all output values $y$ is called the range.
