



2b) Let x = time and y = Temperature

$$y = ab^x + 20$$

$$y = 52b^x + 20 \text{ (because initial Temp. = 72)}$$

$$48 = 52b^1 + 20 \text{ (because Temp. = 48 after 1 min.)}$$

$$b \approx .53846$$

$$y = 52(.53846)^x + 20$$

$$\text{So, } y = 22.4 \text{ when } x = 5$$

The temperature of the thermometer is 22.4° F after 5 minutes!

2c) let x = time and y = value of the car

$$y = ab^x$$

$$y = 25,000b^x \text{ (when } t = 0 \text{ car is worth 25,000)}$$

$$y = 25,000(1-r)^x \text{ because exponential DECAY}$$

$$y = 25,000(1-.25)^x$$

$$y = 25,000(.75)^x$$

$$\text{So, when } x = 10, y = 1407.84$$

The car is worth \$1407.84 after 10 years!

Note: “ b ” can also be found by finding its worth a year later(25% of 25,000 which is \$18,750). Then, substitute 1 and 18750 for x and y respectively to solve for b .

2d) let x = time and y = value remaining at that time

$$y = a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/10.76}$$

$$y = 60\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x/10.76} \text{ (when } t = 0 \text{ there is 60g. present)}$$

$$\text{So, when } x = 50, y = 2.4$$

2.4 grams remain after 50 years!