

## What's Going On?

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**Learning Goal - I will be able to problem solve with sinusoidal functions.**

## Minds on

## Another Ferris Wheel!

Maheo is riding a Ferris wheel at a constant speed of 10 km/h. The boarding height for the wheel is 1 m, and the wheel has a radius of 7 m. What is the equation of the function that describes Maheo's height in terms of  $t$ , assuming Maheo starts at the highest point on the wheel?

How long does one rotation take?

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 2\pi r \\ &= 14\pi \\ &= 43.98 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 7 \\ k &= 22.8 \\ d &= 0 \\ c &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Convert km/h into m/s

$$10 \text{ km/h} \Rightarrow 10000 \text{ m/h}$$

$$\Downarrow \div 60$$

$$2.78 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \Leftarrow \\ \div 60 \end{array} 166.67 \text{ m/min}$$

$$t \times 5 = \frac{d}{t} \quad t = \frac{d}{5}$$

$$\text{time for one rotation} = \frac{43.89}{2.78}$$

$$f = 15.8 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Period} = 15.8 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Period} = \frac{360}{k}$$

$$k = \frac{360}{\text{period}}$$

$$k = \frac{360}{15.8}$$

$$k = 22.6$$

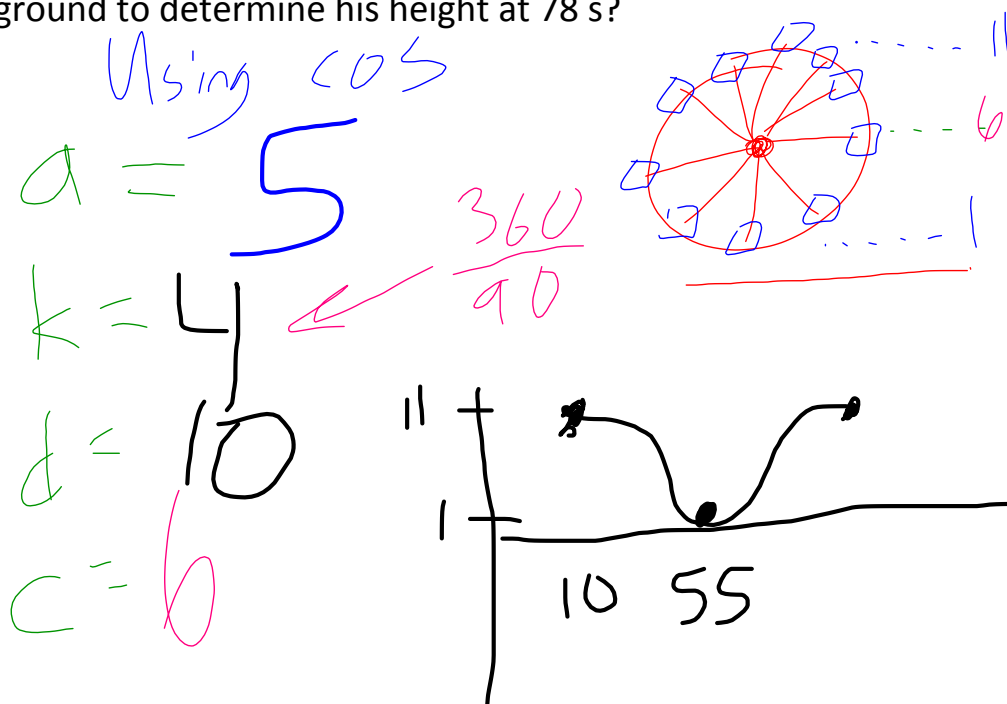
Because Matt starts  
at the highest point, we  
use cosine and we don't  
need to shift!!  $d=0$

$$h = 7 \cos(22.8t) + 8$$

## Action!

# Problem Solving

A group of students is tracking a friend, John, who is riding a Ferris wheel. They know that John reaches the maximum height of 11 m at 10 s and then reaches the minimum height of 1 m at 55 s. How can you develop the equation of a sinusoidal function that models John's height above the ground to determine his height at 78 s?



$$\text{per} = \frac{360}{k}$$

$$90 = \frac{360}{k} \quad k = 4$$

$$h = 5 \cos(4(t - 10)) + 6$$

$$h = 5 \cos(4(t - 10)) + 6$$

↑  
78

$$h = 5 \cos(4(68)) + 6$$

$$h = 5 \cos(272) + 6$$

$$h = 5(0.03) + 6$$

$h = 6.17 \text{ m}$

$$\Rightarrow 6.2 \text{ m} \quad \text{||}$$

**Action!**

# Problem Solving

The top of a flagpole sways back and forth in high winds. The top sways 10 cm to the right (+10 cm) and 10 cm to the left (-10 cm) of its resting position and moves back and forth 240 times every minute. At  $t = 0$ , the pole was momentarily at its resting position. Then it started moving to the right. Determine the equation of a sinusoidal function that describes the distance the top of the pole is from its resting position in terms of time.

$$\frac{240 \text{ cycles}}{60 \text{ s}} = \frac{1 \text{ cycle}}{?}$$

$$\text{period} = 0.25 \text{ s}$$

using  $\sin$

$$a = 10$$

$$k = 1440$$

$$d = 0$$

$$c = 0$$

$$\frac{360}{k} = 0.25 \text{ s}$$

$$p(t) = 10 \times \sin(1440t)$$

**Consolidation**

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