

Unit 8 Day 1: Introduction to Exponential Functions (The Allowance Problem)

Focus Question: Are all functions linear?

A. Review: Use $5^1 \cdot 2^4$ (which is written in exponential form) to answer the following..

1. What is the base(s)? **2 (\$5)**

2. What is the exponent(s)? **4 (\$1)**

3. What do exponents tell you?
 $2^4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$

4. Write the number in expanded form.

5. Show all work using order of operations to write the number in standard form.

How many times to use the base as a factor

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**$5 \cdot 2^4$
 $5 \cdot 16$**

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B. The Allowance Problem

Joe's parents usually give him \$10 per week for doing his chores. With a new year about to start, Joe went to his parents and asked for the following:

"The first week, I would like to receive a penny. The 2nd week I would like to get two pennies. The third week I want to get four pennies. The fourth week I'd get 8 pennies. Every week I'd like to get double the number of pennies from the week before."

1. Pre-Work Question (1 minute)

Do you think Joe is brilliant or crazy for asking for this allowance? Explain

2. Using each plan, complete the table.

$y = 10$ $y = 10x + 0$

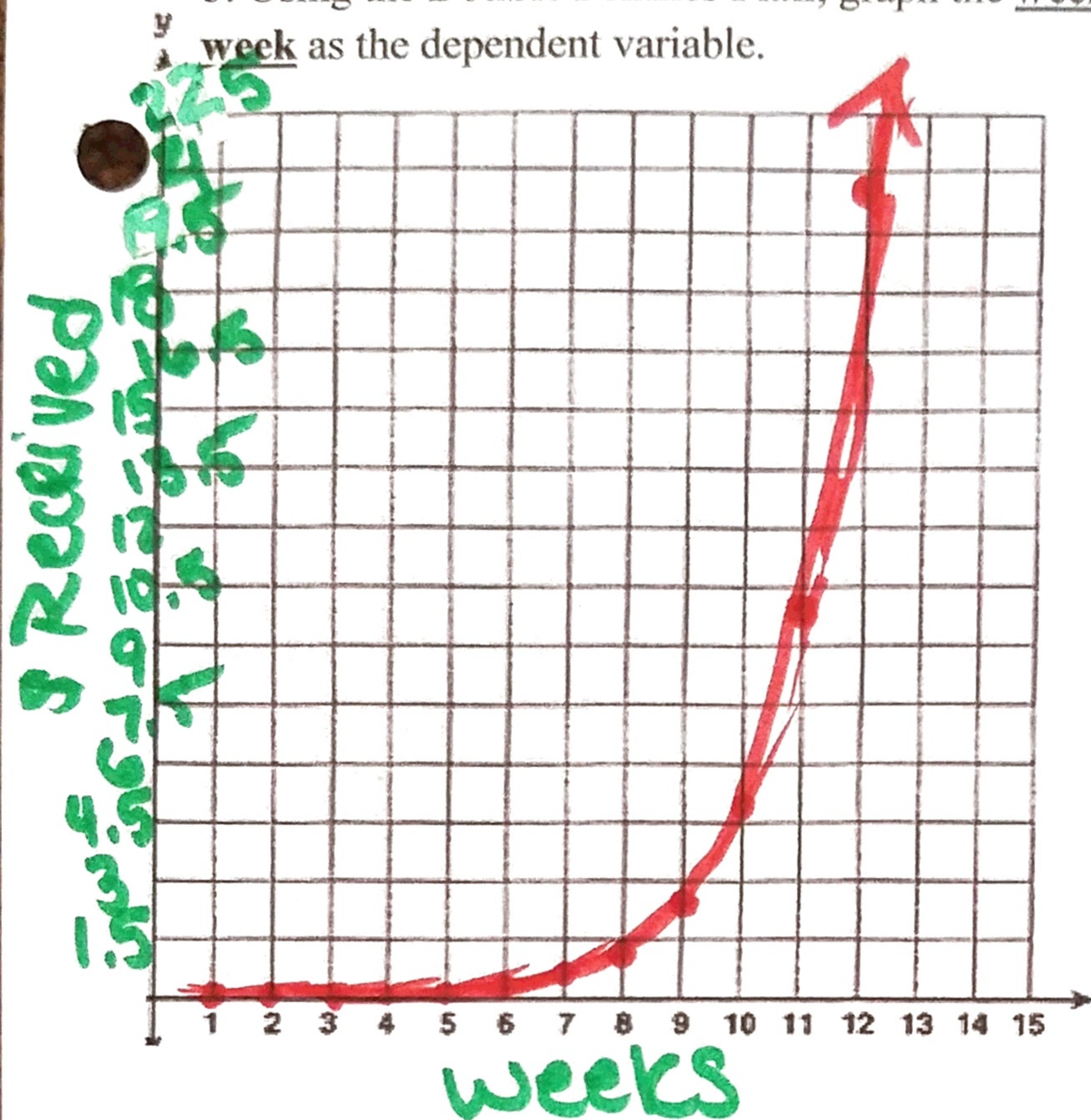
\$10 Per Week Plan

Week	\$ Received for week	Total \$ in the year
1	10	10
2	10	20
3	10	30
4	10	40
5	10	50
6	10	60
7	10	70
8	10	80
9	10	90
10	10	100
11	10	110
12	10	120

Double Pennies Plan

Week	\$ Received for week	Total \$ in the year
1	0.01	0.01
2	0.02	0.03
3	0.04	0.07
4	0.08	0.15
5	0.16	0.31
6	0.32	0.63
7	0.64	1.27
8	1.28	2.55
9	2.56	5.11
10	5.12	10.23
11	10.24	20.47
12	20.48	40.95

3. Using the **Double Pennies Plan**, graph the weeks as the independent variable and the \$ Received for the week as the dependent variable.



4. Is this graph linear or non-linear? Explain.

Non-linear b/c its curved

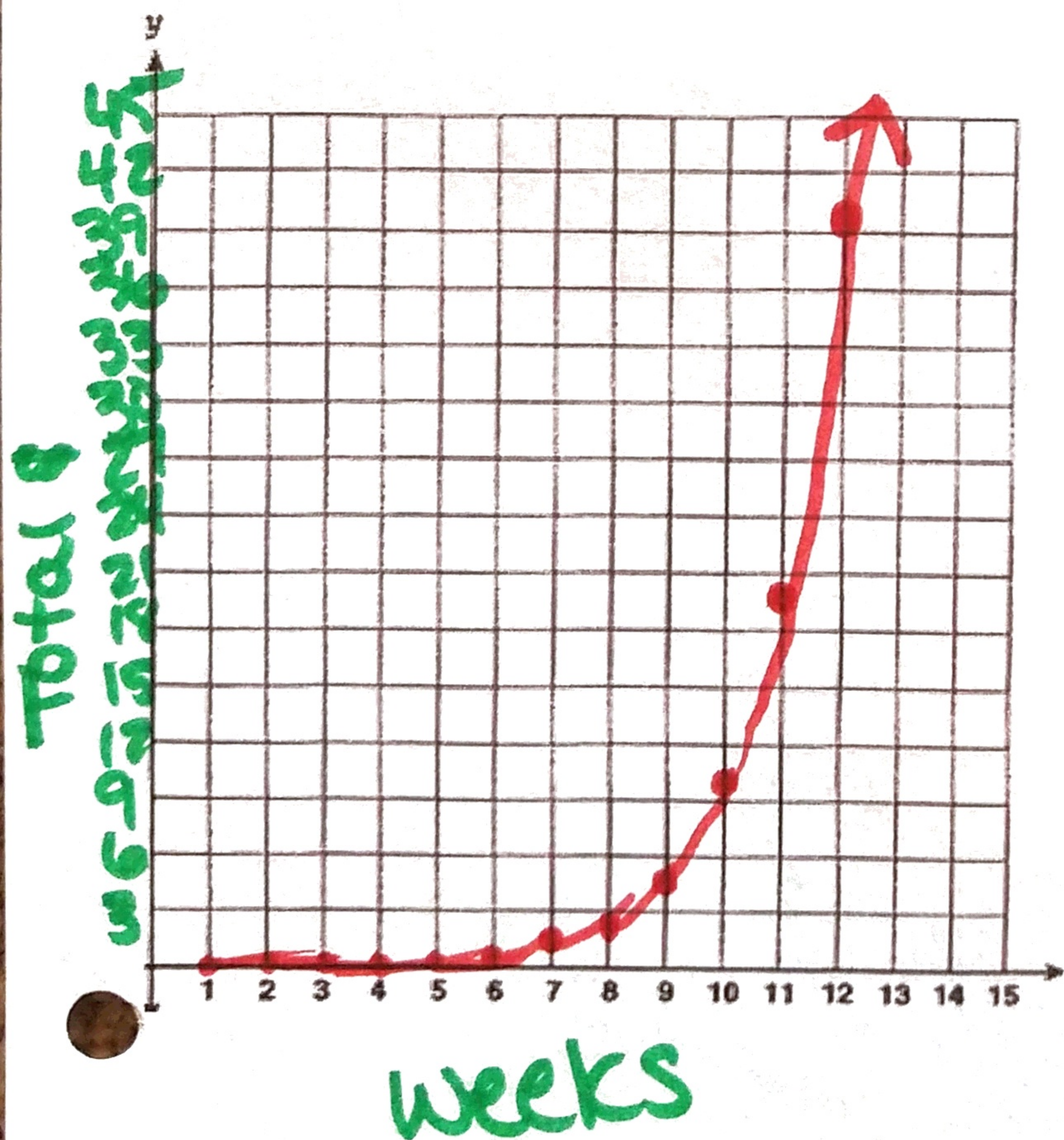
5. Is this graph a member of the quadratic family? Explain.

NO its not a parabola

6. On what week will Joe receive about \$10 under this plan?

Week 11 he gets \$10.24

7. Using the **Double Pennies Plan**, graph the weeks as the independent variable and the TOTAL \$ Received as the dependent variable.



8. Is this graph linear or non-linear? Explain.

Non-linear (curves)

9. Is this graph a member of the quadratic family? Explain

No not a parabola

10. On what week will Joe have close to \$520 (which was the total amount received on the \$10 per week plan)?

Wk	total \$
12	40.95
13	82
14	164
15	328
16	656

11. Does it belong to the same family as the previous graph? Explain.

Yes, they have the same shape

C. Summary Questions

1) If you were Joe's parents, would you agree to his request? You should support your answer with mathematics.

No!
 week 1-10 he gets less than \$10 per week
 week 11-52 he gets more than \$10 per wk

2) When you look at the tables for the Double Pennies plan (which are below in #3 so you don't have to look back), how can you tell that the tables are not linear and not quadratic?

3) Is there still a pattern to the tables? Explain how the pattern is different from a linear table.

Week	# Pennies
1	1
2	2
3	4
4	8
5	16

+1
+2
+4
+8

Week	Total Pennies
1	1
2	3
3	7
4	15
5	31

+2
+4
+8
+16

rate is multiplication ←

4) How would you describe the shape of the graph of the money received on the double pennies plan? (Do not just say non-linear!)

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These two graphs and tables belong to what is called the exponential family.

- You can tell a table is exponential if it has a multiplication constant
- You can tell a graph is exponential if it is J shape (Just like a parabola can flip upside down and still be a quadratic, a J can flip backwards and still be exponential)

