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## 1-5 PiECEWISE LinEAR FUNCTIONS

## Fluency

1. For $f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}5 x-3 & x<-2 \\ x+8 & -2 \leq x<3 \\ \frac{1}{3} x+7 & x \geq 3\end{array}\right.$ answer the following questions.
(a) Evaluate each of the following by carefully applying the correct formula:
(i) $f(2)$
(ii) $f(-4)$
(iii) $f(3)$
(iv) $f(0)$
(b) The three linear equations have $y$-intercepts of $-3,8$ and 7 respectively. Yet, a function can have only one $y$-intercept. Which of these is the $y$-intercept of this function? Explain how you made your choice.
(c) Calculate the average rate of change of $f$ over the interval $-3 \leq x \leq 9$. Show the calculations that lead to your answer.
2. Determine the range of the function $g(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}x+4 & -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -\frac{3}{2} x+9 & 2<x \leq 6\end{array}\right.$ graphically.

3. Determine a piecewise linear equation for the function $f(x)$ shown below. Be sure to specify not only the equations, but also the domain intervals over which they apply.


## REASONING

4. Step functions are piecewise functions that are constants (horizontal lines) over each part of their domains. Graph the following step function.
$f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}-2 & 0 \leq x<3 \\ 3 & 3 \leq x<5 \\ 7 & 5 \leq x<10 \\ 5 & 10 \leq x \leq 12\end{array}\right.$

5. Find all $x$-intercepts of the function $g(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}2 x+8 & -5 \leq x<-1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} x-4 & -1 \leq x<1 \\ -4 x+10 & 1 \leq x \leq 4\end{array}\right.$ algebraically. Justify your work by showing your algebra. Be sure to check your answers versus the domain intervals to make sure each solution is valid.
