

MT 1800 Calculus I
Reading Activity 2

Name: _____

Purpose: To provide an opportunity to work on your ability to independently read mathematics.

Procedure: Work on the following questions individually in class.

1. A manufacturing plant currently removes 85% of the smokestack pollutants of its main smokestack at a cost of \$450,000. During an investigation of whether they could improve on this percentage, they discovered that it would cost an additional \$270,000 to remove 90% of the smokestack pollutants of its main smokestack. Also, if they tried to get closer to removing 100% of the pollutants the cost grew without bounds and they would never be able to actually reach the 100% level. Choose all of the following descriptions that are true based only on the description above. Allow $C(p)$ to represent the cost of removing $p\%$ of the smokestack pollutants of the main smokestack.
- a. $C(90) = 270,000$
 - b. $C(450,000) = 85$
 - c. $C(85) = 450,000$
 - d. $C(90) = 270,000 + C(85)$
 - e. $\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta p} = 54,000$ between $p = 85$ and $p = 90$
 - f. $\Delta C = 54,000$ between $p = 85$ and $p = 90$
 - g. $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} C = 100$
 - h. $\lim_{p \rightarrow 100} C = \infty$
 - i. $\lim_{p \rightarrow 100} C = 720,000$
 - j. $\lim_{p \rightarrow 100} C = -\infty$
 - k. $\lim_{C \rightarrow 100} p = \infty$
 - l. $\lim_{p \rightarrow 90} C = 720,000$
 - m. $\lim_{p \rightarrow 90} C = 270,000$
2. The state game commission introduces 30 elk into a new state park. The maximum carrying capacity of the park for elk is 400. Write a limit statement that describes what will happen to the number of elk, N , if they stay in the park indefinitely. Let time be represented by t .