

**16.** Paul is an interior house painter. He determines that the function  $n = f(A)$  gives the number of gallons,  $n$ , of paint needed to cover an area,  $A$ , in square metres. Interpret  $n = f(A) + 10$  and  $n = f(A + 10)$  in this context.

$n$  is the number of gallons of paint needed to cover a given area,  $A$ ,  
 $n = f(A)$

$n = f(A) + 10$  is the number of gallons with an extra 10 more gallons.  
 This is represented as a vertical shift up b/c the amount of expected gallons was increased.

The parameter to the function  $f(\dots)$  designates an area.  
 Thus  $(A+10)$  must represent an area since it was given in the brackets of the function as areas are given.

Then the formula  $n = f(A + 10)$   
 tells us what  $n$  is needed for an area  $A + 10$ , in other words:

$n = f(A + 10)$  is the gallons needed for a change in area (i.e. by 10 units) that is represented as horizontal shift. The shift is 10 units to the Left, when interpreted based on the formulas of function transformations:

$$g(x) = f(x - h)$$

Therefore the mapping for the area, i.e. the horizontal parameter is:

$$A \longrightarrow A-10$$

because it happens to the Left.

This diminishes the area  $A$  to be less by 10 units of the original area

Therefore the meaning of  $n = f(A + 10)$  is the number of gallons needed for an area that is **10 squared meters less than the original area.**