

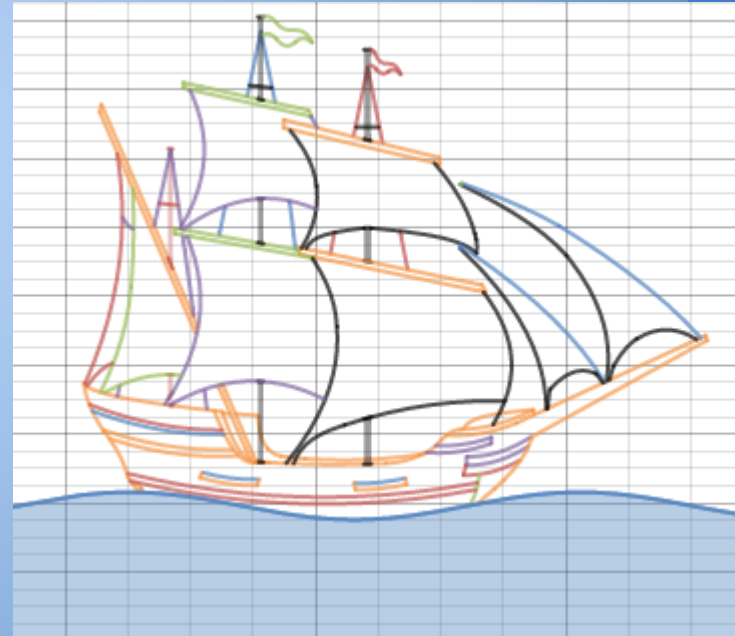
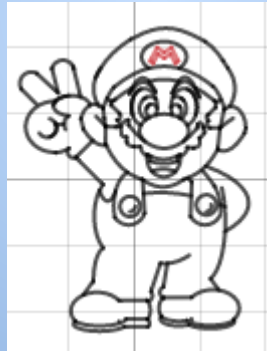
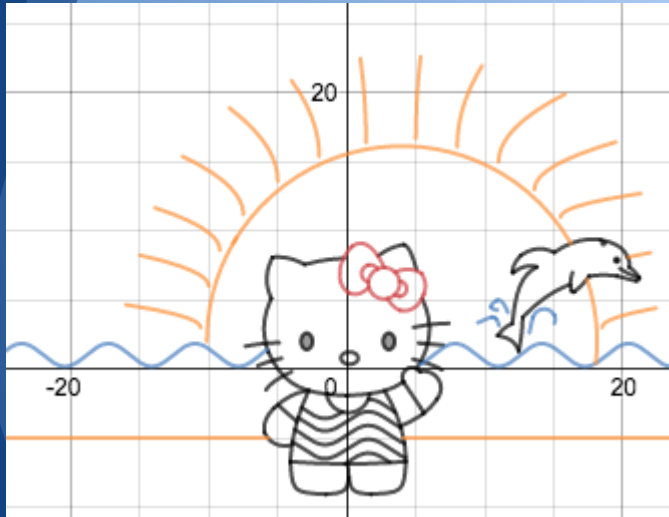
# Using the Desmos Graphing Calculator to Integrate Maths & Arts

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# Getting Inspired...

The following are some PRETTY GOOD artworks done using DESMOS:

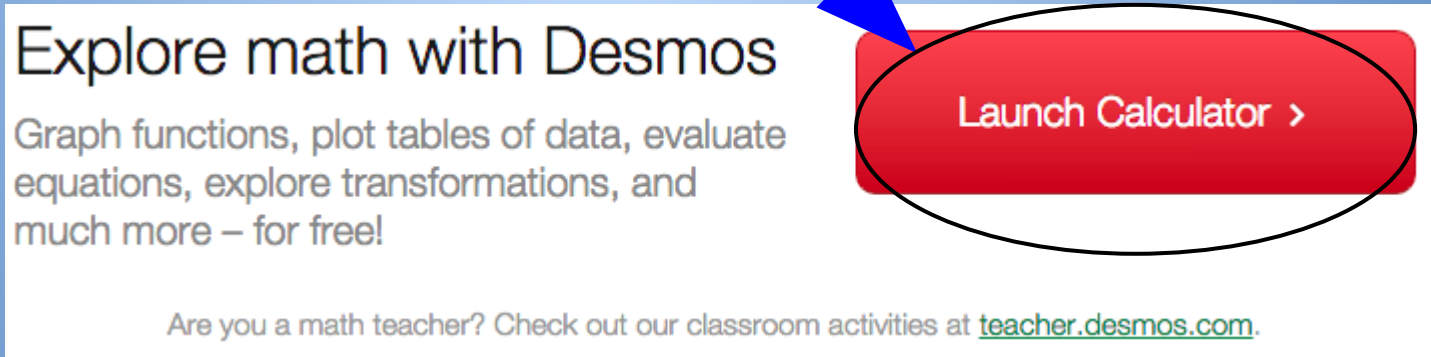
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# Using the calculator...

Calculator is designed with beginner, advanced, and the expert in mind.

- **If this is your first time**, use its keyboard (and yes, you always starts the calculator from its **desmos.com** website with



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Launch Calculator >

# And it will bring you to...

This screen:

Input here

- ✓ Calculator
- ✓ Graph eqns

Graph screen

Keyboard here

The screenshot shows the Desmos calculator interface. The browser address bar displays <https://www.desmos.com/calculator>. The page title is "Untitled Graph" and the user name is "Linda". The interface includes a sidebar on the left with a list of input fields:  $3(4+5)$  (value 27),  $x^2$  (checked), and  $x^2-2$  (checked). The main area is a coordinate plane with a grid, showing two parabolas: a black one opening upwards with vertex at (0,0) and a red one opening upwards with vertex at (0,-2). The x-axis ranges from -10 to 10, and the y-axis ranges from -2 to 6. At the bottom, a keyboard overlay is visible, containing mathematical symbols like  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $a^2$ ,  $a^b$ ,  $( )$ ,  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $|a|$ ,  $,$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ ,  $\sqrt{\quad}$ ,  $\pi$ , and a numeric keypad (0-9,  $\div$ ,  $\times$ ,  $-$ ,  $=$ ,  $+$ ). A yellow box highlights the keyboard area. Blue arrows point from the text labels to the corresponding parts of the interface.

# So, it's just a calculator...

Yes, but it can be used as:

- A project that integrate arts & maths
- An interactive calculator to teach transformations from basic graphs
- A “collaboration” ground for students to interact outside of class, and offline:
  - [teacher.desmos.com](https://teacher.desmos.com)
  - [student.desmos.com](https://student.desmos.com)

Need more inspirations?

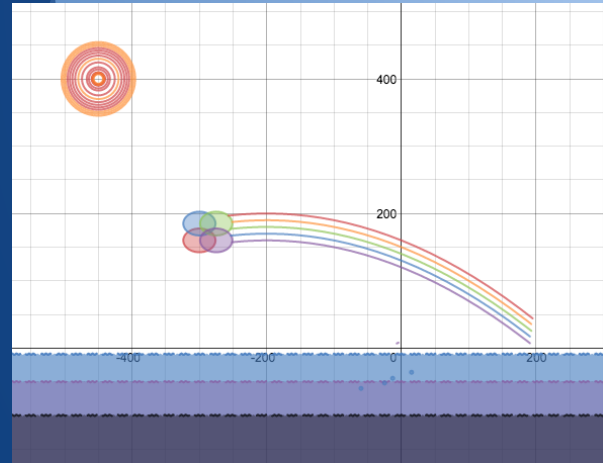
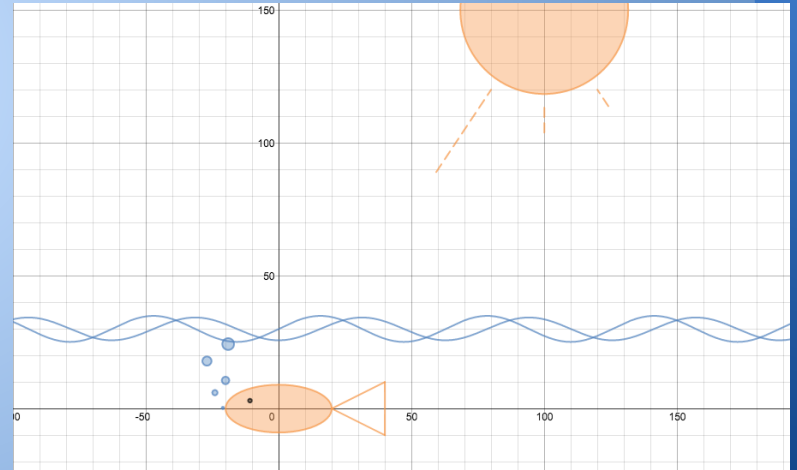
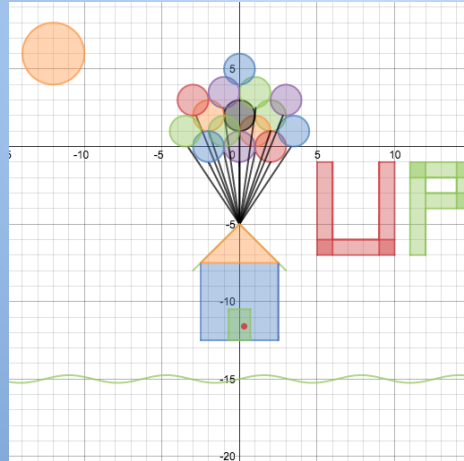
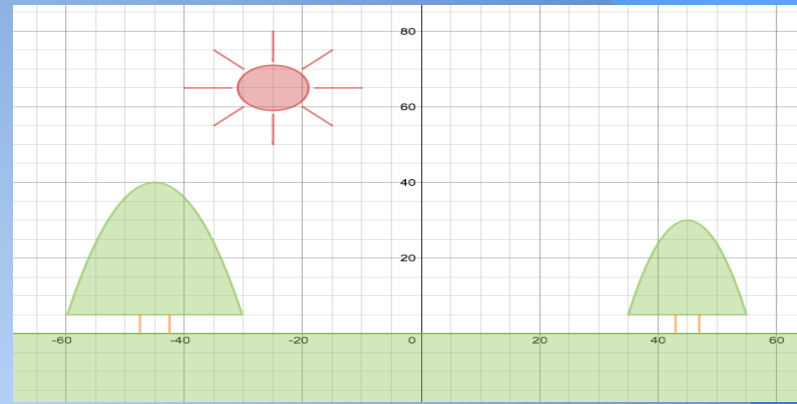
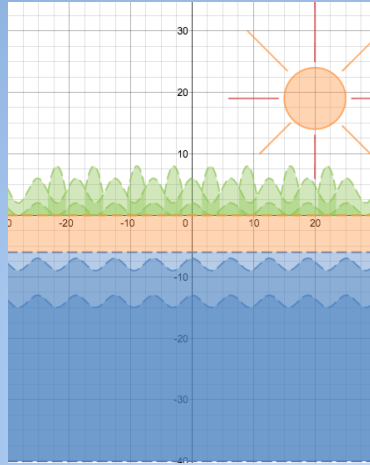
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Student Sample #3

Student Sample #4

Student Sample #5



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