## CHAPTER 8 Plot a Position-Time Graph

## **Goal** • Practise plotting a position-time graph.

A student leaves home, driving east toward his school, at 9:11 A.M. Arriving at the school, 1.5 km away, at 9.15 A.M., he realizes that the school is closed. It is Saturday! He travels on to the library, 1.5 km east of the school, to return a book. He arrives at the library at 9:25 A.M., drops off the book and continues east for another 0.5 km to his favourite fast-food restaurant, arriving there at 9:28 A.M. He leaves the restaurant at 9:45 A.M., arriving home at 10:00 A.M.

1. Complete the table below. Make sure you are using the correct units.

Part of trip	$t_1$	$t_2$	$\Delta t$ (min)	$\Delta t$ (s)	$\begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ d_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ d_2 \end{array}$	$\rightarrow$ $\Delta d \text{ (km)}$	$ \overset{\rightarrow}{\Delta d (m)} $
home to school								
school to library								
library to restaurant								
at restaurant								
restaurant to home								

2. Plot a position-time graph for the trip. Choose a proper scale and units for each axis.

- 3. What was the total distance travelled by the student?
- 4. What was the total displacement?
- 5. Calculate the average velocity (in m/s) of the student on his trip home.

