Section 8.2 Math Link

This worksheet will help you with the Math Link on page 299.

The temperature of still, dry air decreases by about 6 °C for each kilometre increase in altitude. A weather balloon was launched from The Pas, Manitoba, on a still, dry day.

- **1. a)** Is a decrease of temperature expressed as a positive value or a negative value?
 - **b)** What is the temperature change for each of the following distances above ground?
 - 1 km: _____ 2 km: _____ 3 km: _____ 4 km: _____ 11 km: _____
 - **c)** What is the approximate temperature 11 km above ground if the ground temperature is 4 °C?
- **2.** Calculate the following if the balloon descends from 11 km to 5 km.
 - a) What is the change in altitude? _____
 - **b)** About how much is the temperature change? _____
- **3.** Sketch the balloon's movements. Label the different heights and air temperatures.