When graphing real life situations, most of the time negative numbers do not make sense in the problem so we only need to show Quadrant I of the $x$ and $y$ axes. Some helpful hints for setting up your graphs:

- Make sure to label both your x and y axis based on your "Let" statements.
- When numbering your axes, you do not always have to go up by 1. Use common sense to determine an appropriate scale. For example, if you have a y-intercept of 100 , use a scale of 10.
- The most commonly used scales are 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, sometimes even 100's. You can use ANY scale you want as long as:
- The numbers for both $x$ and $y$ go up consistently (by the same multiples)
- It is usually helpful to use the same scales for both $x$ and $y$

Below are two samples of what your graphs could possibly look like. Again, use common sense to determine an appropriate scale!


$\begin{array}{llllllllll}0 & 5 & 10 & 15 & 20 & 25 & 30 & 3540 & 45 & 50\end{array}$
\# of Superman Comics

Example 1:
In order to prepare for your summer bash, you go to the supermarket to buy hamburgers and chicken. Hamburgers cost $\$ 2$ per pound and chicken costs $\$ 3$ per pound. You have no more than $\$ 30$ to spend. You expect to purchase at least 3 pounds of hamburgers.

Give three possible combinations for buying hamburgers and chicken for your summer bash. Justify your answers.


Example 2:
A Dinner Theatre actress is paid $\$ 250$ per day to rehearse the play and $\$ 500$ per day to perform in front of an audience. In one season, an actress earned between $\$ 2000$ and $\$ 5000$.

Identify two different ways the actress may have earned her salary. Justify your answers.


