- **39. MULTI-STEP PROBLEM** Two people are training for a speed ice-climbing event. During a practice climb, one climber starts 15 seconds after the first climber. The rates that the climbers ascend are shown.
 - **a.** Let *d* be the distance (in feet) traveled by a climber *t* seconds after the first person starts climbing. Write a linear system that models the situation.
 - **b.** Graph the linear system from part (a). Does the second climber catch up to the first climber? *Explain*.



- 40. TAKS REASONING Two employees at a banquet facility are given the task of folding napkins. One person starts folding napkins at a rate of 5 napkins per minute. The second person starts 10 minutes after the first person and folds napkins at a rate of 4 napkins per minute.
 - **a. Model** Let *y* be the number of napkins folded *x* minutes after the first person starts folding. Write a linear system that models the situation.
 - b. Solve Solve the linear system.
 - **c. Interpret** Does the solution of the linear system make sense in the context of the problem? *Explain*.
- **41. CHALLENGE** An airplane has an average air speed of 160 miles per hour. The airplane takes 3 hours to travel with the wind from Salem to Lancaster. The airplane has to travel against the wind on the return trip. After 3 hours into the return trip, the airplane is 120 miles from Salem. Find the distance from Salem to Lancaster. If the problem cannot be solved with the information given, *explain* why.

