The Velocity of Thomas the Tank Engine

Thomas the Tank Engine is d = f(t) miles from his boss Sir Topham Hatt III, where *t* is given in hours. The graph of d = f(t) is shown for $0 \le t \le 7$. The derivative, d'(t) is Thomas' instantaneous velocity v(t) at time *t*. Recall d'(t) also gives Thomas' trajectory of movement.

1. If Thomas travels in a straight line, what does his trip look like? (Use an arm motion.)



2. Which of the following (dashed) graphs below is the velocity v(t) = d'(t) of Thomas? Select one. Explain your reasoning.



- 3. Interpret what the dashed graph in Choice F represents in the context of Thomas' trip.
- 4. On the interval for $0 \le t \le 7$, when is Thomas traveling the fastest? At what mile marker is he when traveling fastest?

