



$$y(x) = |x-3| ; x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

The domain is all the  $x$ -values, and the range is all the  $y$ -values.

We begin by looking for  $x$ -values which make this function undefined. There aren't such values. No matter what value of  $x$  is chosen, the function always yields a well defined value for  $y$ . Therefore, we say that the domain of this function is the set of all real numbers.

Then we determine if there are any  $y$ -values which can never be achieved as output values. A close examination of the function tells us that there are.

$y(x)$  is the absolute value (modulus) of  $(x-3)$ . The absolute value of  $y(x)$  is always either positive or zero, but never negative.

Answer:

domain:  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

range:  $[0, +\infty)$