

Algebra 1 4.1

Write and graph linear equations in slope-intercept form.
Model data with equations in slope-intercept form

linear

slope

y-intercept

$y = mx + b$

constant function

$$y = 3$$

$$x = 2$$

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$$y = mx + b$$

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Slope y.int

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + -6$$

KeyConcept Slope-Intercept Form



Words

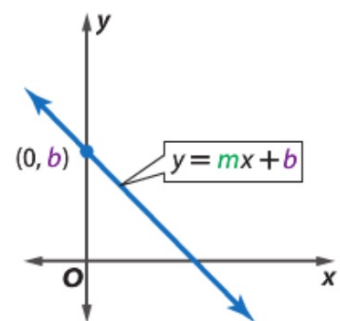
The slope-intercept form of a linear equation is $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope and b is the y -intercept.

Example

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 2x + 6$$

slope $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ y -intercept



$$y = mx + B$$

Example 3 Graph Linear Equations

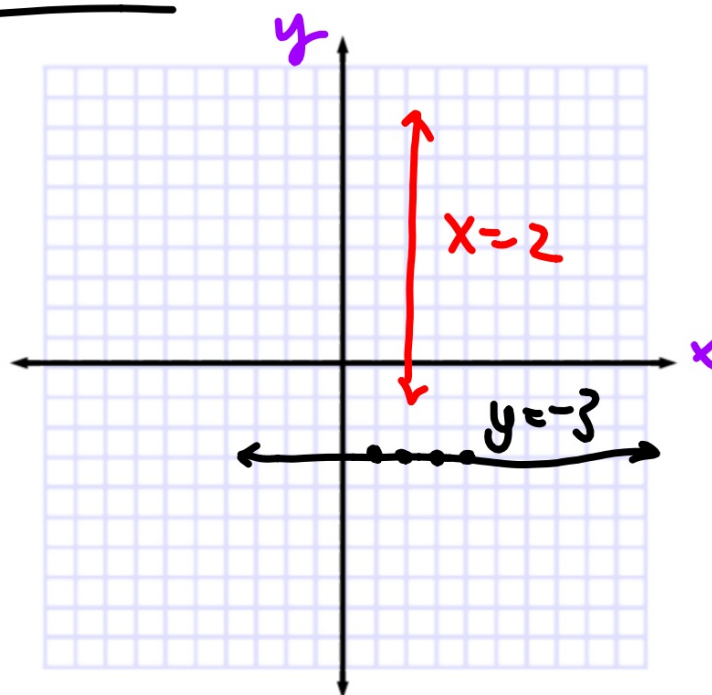
Graph $y = -3$.

$$x = 2$$

1	-3
2	-3
3	-3
4	-3

2
2
2
2

Bicycles: constant slope
 $y = \text{constant}$ describes vertical distance (x,y)
 so $y = 2$ would be always "up 2" etc.

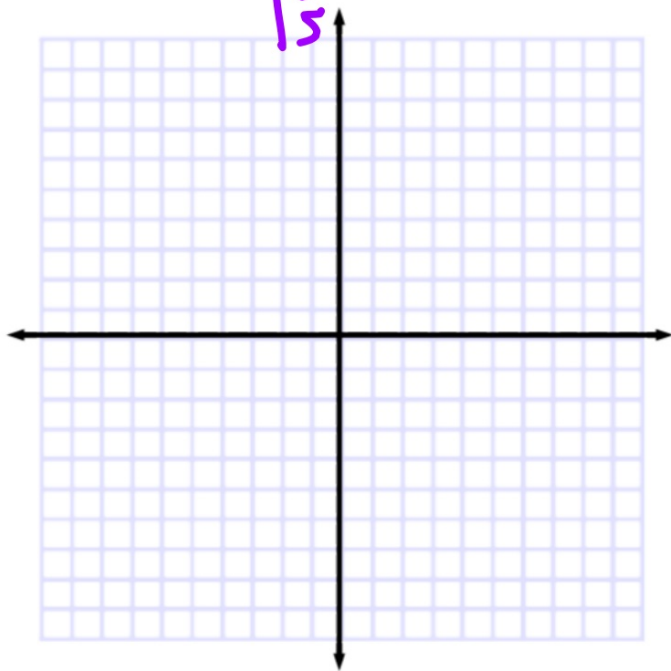


Guided Practice

Graph each equation.

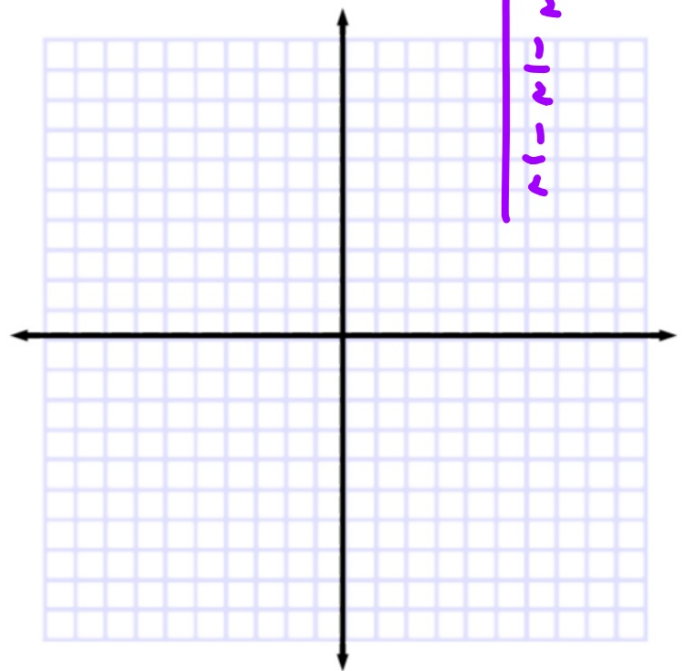
3A. $y = 5$

Handwritten purple note: $y = 5$



3B. $\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ Handwritten purple note: $y = \frac{1}{2}$

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What do we need to know?

Standardized Test Example 4 Write an Equation in Slope-Intercept Form

Which of the following is an equation in slope-intercept form for the line shown?

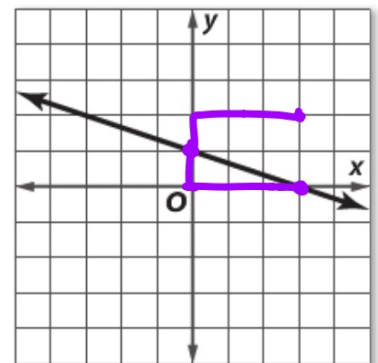
A $y = -3x + 1$

B $y = -3x + 3$

☒ C $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 1$

D $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 3$

$$y = mx + B$$
$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 1$$



Guided Practice

4. Which of the following is an equation in slope-intercept form for the line shown?

F $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1$

G $y = \frac{1}{4}x + 4$

~~H $y = -\frac{1}{4}x - 1$~~

~~I $y = -\frac{1}{4}x + 4$~~

$$y = mx + B$$
$$y = \frac{1}{4}x + -1$$

