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Write Linear Equations in Slope-Intercept Form

$$y = mx + b$$

Goal • Write equations of lines.

Your Notes

Use the slope-intercept form ($y = mx + b$) to write an equation of a line if slope and y-intercept are given.

Example 1 Use slope and y-intercept to write an equation

Write an equation of the line with a slope of -4 and a y-intercept of 6 .

Solution

$$y = mx + b$$

Write slope-intercept form.

$$y = -4x + 6$$

Substitute -4 for m and 6 for b .

✔ **Checkpoint** Write an equation of the line with the given slope and y-intercept.

<p>1. Slope is 8; y-intercept is -5.</p> $y = 8x - 5$	<p>2. Slope is $\frac{2}{3}$; y-intercept is -2.</p> $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$
<p>3. Slope is -3; y-intercept is 7.</p> $y = -3x + 7$	<p>4. Slope is $-\frac{5}{2}$; y-intercept is 9.</p> $y = -\frac{5}{2}x + 9$

3 METHODS TO GRAPH

Your Notes

- ① TABLE
- ② INTERCEPTS
- ③ SLOPE-INTERCEPT

2 WAYS TO FIND SLOPE

- ① $m = \frac{\text{RISE}}{\text{RUN}}$
- ② $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

3 FORMS TO WRITE LINEAR EQUATIONS

- ① $y = mx + b$ S/I
- ② $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ P/S
- ③ $AX + BY = C$ STANDARD

DEFINITION OF SLOPE: describe the 2 methods to find slope. Give the formula and when you this method.

	Formula Used	When do you use
Method 1	$m = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$	When given a graph
Method 2	$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$	Given 2 points

Example 2 Write an equation of a line given two points

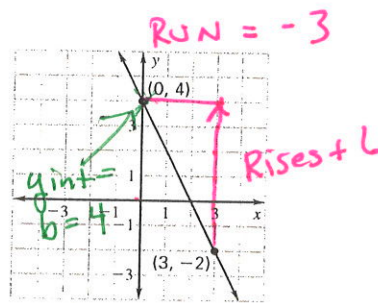
Write an equation of the line shown.

Solution

Step 1 Calculate the slope.

$$m = \frac{\text{Rise } 6}{\text{Run } -3}$$

$$m = -2$$



You can write an equation of a line if you know the y-intercept and any other point on the line.

Step 2 Write an equation of the line. The line crosses the y-axis at 4. So, the y-intercept is (0, 4)

$$y = mx + b$$

Write slope-intercept form.

$$y = -2x + 4$$

Substitute -2 for m and 4 for b .

Checkpoint Complete the following exercise.

5. Write an equation of the line shown.

$$m = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x - 6$$

