

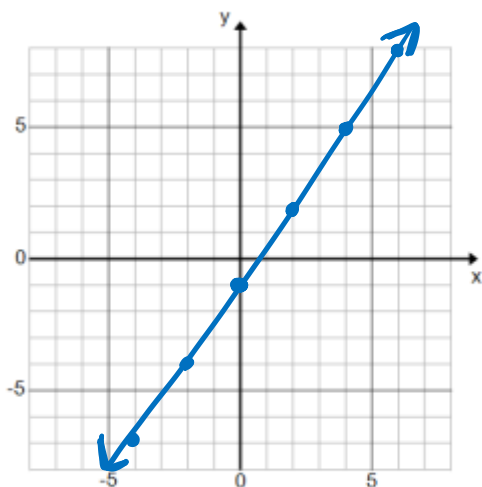
# Write Linear Equations in Slope-Intercept Form

KEY

Directions: Write an equation of a line in slope-intercept form given the slope and a point.

Example 1: Write an equation of the line that passes through  $(0, -1)$  and has a slope of  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

Graph:

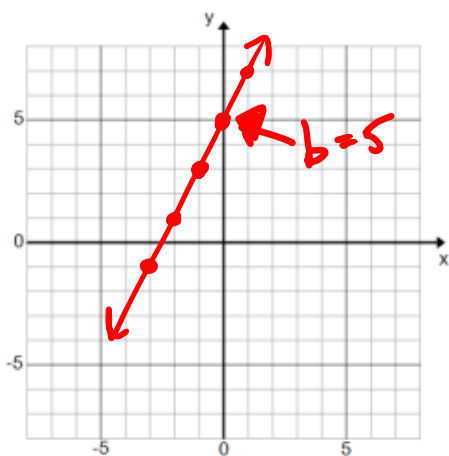


$$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 1$$

What if the y-intercept is not given?

Example 2: Write an equation of the line that passes through  $(-1, 3)$  and has a slope of  $2$ .

Graph:



$$y = 2x + 5$$

Example 3: Write an equation of the line that passes through the point  $(6, -3)$  and has a slope of  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Find b.

$$\frac{1}{3} = m$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$-3 = \frac{1}{3}(6) + b$$

$$-3 = 2 + b$$

$$-5 = b$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 5$$

Example 4: Write an equation of the line that passes through the point  $(-4, 5)$  and has a slope of  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

Find b.

$$-\frac{1}{2} = m$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$5 = -\frac{1}{2}(-4) + b$$

$$5 = 2 + b$$

$$3 = b$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$$

Directions: Write an equation of a line in slope-intercept form given two points.

Example 5: Write an equation of the line that passes through (3, 0) and (2, -4).

$$m = \frac{-4 - 0}{2 - 3} = \frac{-4}{-1} = 4$$

\* \* \*  
use either point  
to plug in and  
find b.

\* Find slope (m)  
first!

$$y = mx + b$$

$$0 = 4(3) + b$$

$$0 = 12 + b$$

$$b = -12$$

$$y = 4x - 12$$

Example 6: Write an equation of the line that passes through (-2, 5) and (2, -1).

$$m = \frac{-1 - 5}{2 - (-2)} = \frac{-6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$-1 = -\frac{3}{2}(2) + b$$

$$-1 = -3 + b$$

$$b = 2$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 2$$

Read through the scenario out loud with your partner:

You and your Turnabout date decide you want to have the best moves on the dance floor (a.k.a. - field house floor), so you start taking dance lessons at local studio. You have to start early...turnabout is in February! The studio has a one-time membership fee of \$25 per couple, and then charges \$10 per lesson (per couple).

1. Write an equation in slope intercept form that represents the situation.  
Be sure to DEFINE YOUR VARIABLES.

$$y = 10x + 25$$

x = # of lessons

y = total cost

2. If you and your partner attend 9 lessons by Turnabout, how much will you have spent?

$$x = 9$$

$$y = 10(9) + 25$$

$$y = \$115$$

