

Unit 2 Language Of Geometry
Day 7 Notes Equations of Lines
 (PH Lesson 3-5)

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The **slope** of a line measures how steep the line is. It is found by comparing the vertical change to the horizontal change.

$$m = \frac{\text{rise} \updownarrow}{\text{run} \rightarrow}$$

Positive Slope



Uphill
 (from left to right)

Negative Slope



Downhill
 (from left to right)

Zero Slope



Horizontal Line

Undefined Slope



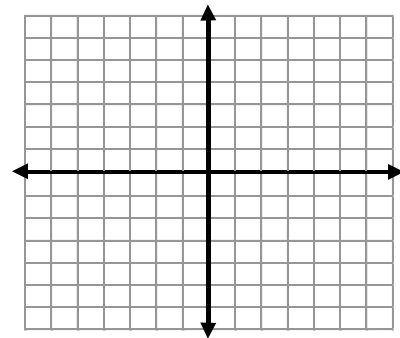
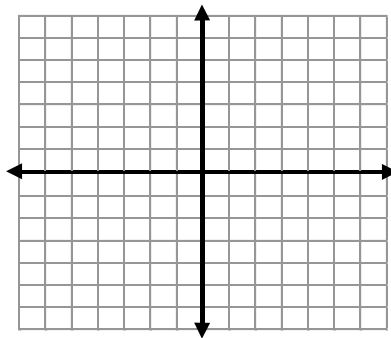
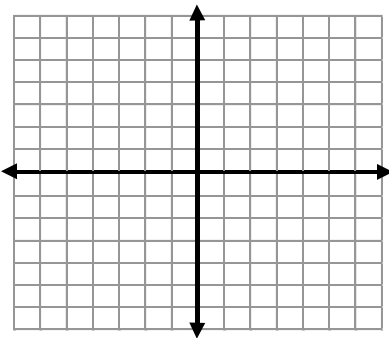
Vertical Line

Example 1: Plot the line containing the given point with slope m .

a. $(2, -1); m = \frac{2}{3}$

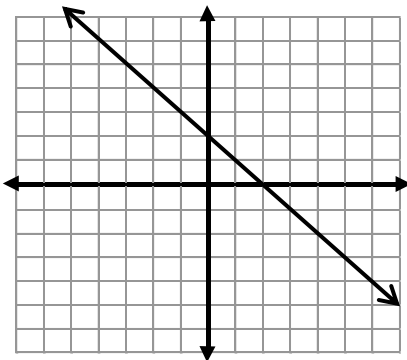
b. $(1, 3); m = 4$

c. $(-3, -2); m = -\frac{1}{4}$

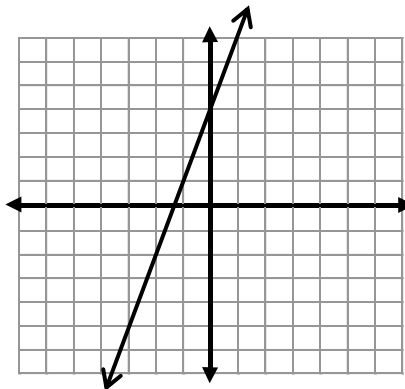


Example 2: Find the slope of the given line. Does the line have positive or negative slope?

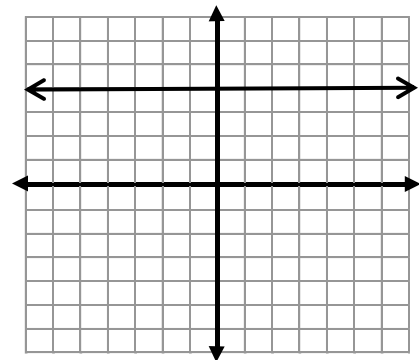
a.



b.



c.



SLOPE FORMULA : Given two points on a line (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , the slope m is the ratio:

$$m = \frac{\text{rise} \downarrow}{\text{run} \rightarrow} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Example 4: Find the slope of \overleftrightarrow{AB} .

A. A(6, 2) and B(-4, 0)

B. A(-5, 3) and B(-7, 1)

Slope-Intercept Form of a Linear Equation:

$$y = mx + b$$

The letter m refers to the *slope* and b refers to the *y-intercept*.

Vertical Lines:

Slope is undefined

Vertical Equation: $x = a$

Horizontal Lines:

Slope is zero

Horizontal Equation: $y = b$

Example 5: What are the slope and y-intercept of each equation?

a. $y = 3x - 5$

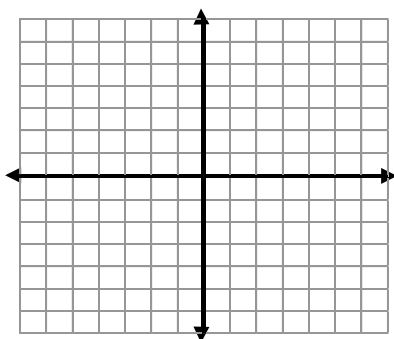
b. $y = -\frac{4}{5}x$

c. $x = 4$

d. $y = -3$

Example 6: Write an equation of the line with a slope of $\frac{3}{8}$ and a y-intercept of 6.

Example 7: Use the slope and y-intercept to graph the line $y = 3x - 1$.



Example 8: Write the equation of the line.

