

## Equations for a Line

SI • **Slope-Intercept Form**  $y = mx + b$

ST • **Standard Form**  $Ax + By = C$

PS • **Point-Slope Form**  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

A line passes through the following two points:

(0, 7) and (-2, 0)

$$m = \frac{7-0}{0-(-2)} = \frac{7}{2}$$

Write the equation of this line in Point-Slope Form.

Use  
(0, 7)

$$y - 7 = \frac{7}{2}x$$

Use  
(-2, 0)

$$y = \frac{7}{2}(x + 2)$$

A line passes through the following two points:

(-5, 8) and (2, 8)

$$m = \frac{0}{0} = 0$$

Write the equation of this line in Point-Slope Form.

$$y - 8 = 0(x - 2)$$

$$y - 8 = 0$$

$$\boxed{y = 8}$$

A line passes through the following two points:

(6, -1) and (6, 3)

$$m = \frac{0}{0} \text{ undefined}$$

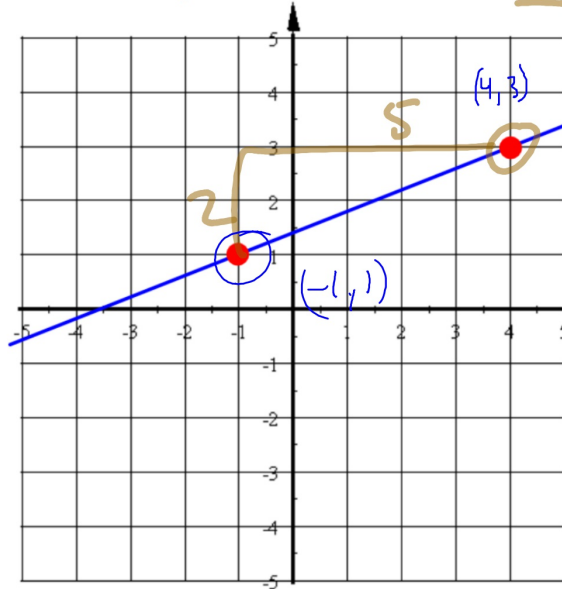
Write the equation of this line in Point-Slope Form.

This is a Vertical line.

You **can't** write the equation of a Vertical Line in Point-Slope Form.

The equation of this line is:  $x = 6$

Write the equation of this line in Point-Slope Form



Use this equation:  $y - 9 = 4(x + 11)$

What is the slope of this line?

$$m = 4$$

What point was used to write this equation?

$$(-11, 9)$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\underbrace{y - 9}_{y_1 = 9} = 4(x \underbrace{+ 11}_{x_1 = -11})$$

Use this equation:  $y + 11 = -(x - 6)$

What is the slope of this line?

$$m = -1$$

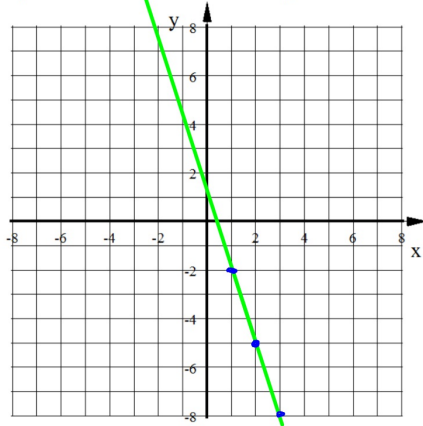
What point was used to write this equation?

$$(6, -11)$$

To graph a line the **minimum** information you need is

- A point on the line and the slope
- OR
- Two points on the line.

Graph a line that has a slope of -3 and contains the point (2, -5)



Plot the point (2, -5)  
and use the slope of -3  
to find other points.

Graph this line:  $y - 1 = 2(x + 3)$

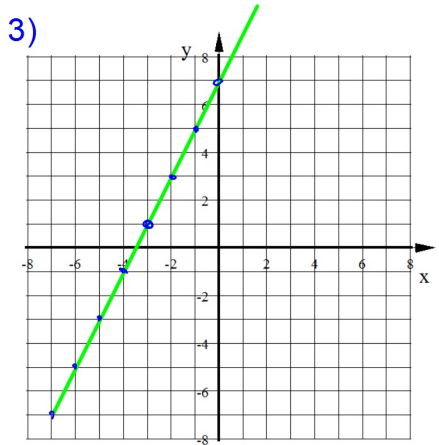
What is the slope of this line?

$\frac{2}{1}$

What point was used to write this equation?

$(-3, 1)$

Plot (-3, 1) and use the slope to find other points.



What is another way to graph this line?

$$y - 1 = 2(x + 3)$$

Change this equation into Slope-Intercept Form

$$y = mx + b$$

distribute the slope:  $y - 1 = 2x + 6$

Add 1 to both sides:  $y = 2x + 7$

Graph this line:  
 $y + 3 = -2(x - 4)$

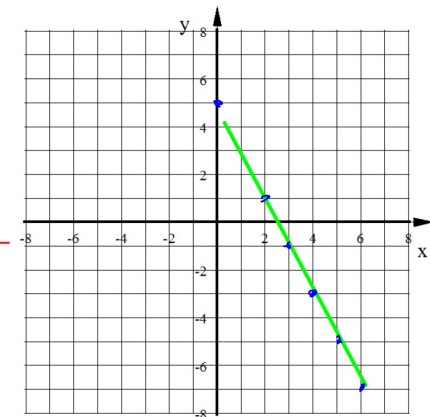
Turn this equation into  
the slope:  $m = -2$

and a point: (4, -3).

Plot the point and use the slope to  
find other points.

Or, rewrite the equation into  
Slope-Intercept Form:

$$y = -2x + 5$$

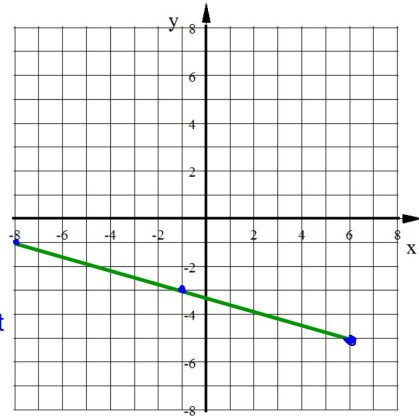


Graph this line:

$$y + 5 = -\frac{2}{7}(x - 6)$$

Plot the point (6, -5) then use the slope to find other points.

Writing this equation into Slope-Intercept Form would lead to a fractional y-intercept therefore, that method shouldn't be use.



You can now finish Hwk #25: Sec 6-4.

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Problems 11-14, 21, 22, 37, 38, 40

(for 21, 22, 40 write eq in Point-Slope Form only)