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Graphing a Linear Equation

Graph the linear equation y = 2x + 1 on a coordinate plane.

To graph a linear equation, we need to find the x-intercept and the y-intercept. The x-intercept is the point where the line crosses the x-axis, and the y-intercept is the point where the line crosses the y-axis.

Identifying Key Features

Identify the x-intercept and y-intercept of the linear equation y = x - 2.

To find the x-intercept, we set y = 0 and solve for x. To find the y-intercept, we set x = 0 and solve for y.

Axis Symmetry

Determine if the linear equation y = 2x + 1 has axis symmetry.

A linear equation has axis symmetry if it is symmetric about the x-axis or the y-axis. To determine if a linear equation has axis symmetry, we can graph the equation and check if it is symmetric about the x-axis or the y-axis.

Real-World Applications

A company sells t-shirts for $15 each. The cost of producing x t-shirts is given by the linear equation C(x) = 2x + 10. Graph the equation and identify the key features.

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Word Problems

Tom has been saving money for a new bike and has $120 in his savings account. He wants to buy a bike that costs $180. If he saves $10 per week, how many weeks will it take him to have enough money to buy the bike? Use a linear equation to model the situation and solve the problem.

To solve this problem, we can use a linear equation to model the situation. Let x be the number of weeks Tom saves money, and let y be the amount of money he has in his savings account. The linear equation that models the situation is y = 10x + 120.

Challenge Questions

Graph the linear equation y = (3/4)x + 2 on a coordinate plane.

To graph the equation, we need to find the x-intercept and the y-intercept. The x-intercept is the point where the line crosses the x-axis, and the y-intercept is the point where the line crosses the y-axis.

Identifying Key Features of a Linear Equation with a Negative Slope

Identify the x-intercept and y-intercept of the linear equation y = -2x + 4.

To find the x-intercept, we set y = 0 and solve for x. To find the y-intercept, we set x = 0 and solve for y.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this worksheet on graphing linear equations and identifying key features! You have learned how to graph linear equations on a coordinate plane, identify key features such as x-intercept and axis symmetry, and apply these concepts to solve real-world problems.

Remember to practice these skills to become more proficient in graphing and solving linear equations. You can use the skills you have learned in this worksheet to solve a variety of problems, including word problems and challenge questions.

Answer Key

Check your answers against the answer key to see how you did.

1. Slope: 2, Y-intercept: 1

2. X-intercept: 2, Y-intercept: -2

3. Axis of symmetry: x = -1/2, The equation does not have axis symmetry.

4. X-intercept: 2/3, Y-intercept: 2

5. Slope: 2, Y-intercept: 10, X-intercept: -5 (this represents the number of t-shirts that would result in a cost of $0)

6. Linear equation: y = 10x + 120, 6 weeks

7. Slope: 3/4, Y-intercept: 2

8. X-intercept: 2, Y-intercept: 4

Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts related to graphing linear equations, including systems of linear equations, linear inequalities, and functions. These concepts are crucial in understanding more complex mathematical ideas and have numerous applications in real-world problems.

Case Study: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

A company has two types of products, A and B. The cost of producing x units of product A and y units of product B is given by the system of linear equations: 2x + 3y = 12 and x - 2y = -3. Solve the system to find the number of units of each product that the company should produce.

Linear Inequalities

Linear inequalities are statements that compare two expressions using inequality symbols such as <, >, ≤, or ≥. In this section, we will learn how to graph linear inequalities on a coordinate plane and solve them using algebraic methods.

Example: Graphing a Linear Inequality

Graph the linear inequality $2x + 3y > 5$ on a coordinate plane.

Functions

A function is a relation between a set of inputs, called the domain, and a set of possible outputs, called the range. In this section, we will learn about different types of functions, including linear, quadratic, and polynomial functions, and how to graph them on a coordinate plane.

Group Activity: Identifying Functions

Work in groups to identify whether the following relations are functions: {(2, 3), (4, 5), (6, 7)} and {(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)}.

Real-World Applications

Linear equations and functions have numerous applications in real-world problems, including science, engineering, economics, and finance. In this section, we will explore some of these applications and learn how to use linear equations and functions to model and solve real-world problems.

Reflection: Real-World Applications

Think about a real-world problem that can be modeled using linear equations or functions. How can you use mathematical concepts to solve the problem and make informed decisions?

Challenge Questions

In this section, we will provide challenge questions that require the application of concepts learned in this unit. These questions are designed to test your understanding and problem-solving skills.

Case Study: Optimizing Production

A company produces two products, A and B, using two machines, X and Y. The production costs and profits are given by the following linear equations: 2x + 3y = 12 and x - 2y = -3. Find the optimal production levels of A and B to maximize profit.

Review and Assessment

In this section, we will review the key concepts learned in this unit and provide assessment questions to test your understanding. It is essential to review and practice the concepts regularly to reinforce your learning.

Example: Review Question

Solve the system of linear equations: x + 2y = 7 and 3x - 2y = 5.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this unit on graphing linear equations and functions! You have learned about the different types of linear equations, how to graph them on a coordinate plane, and how to solve systems of linear equations and inequalities. You have also learned about functions and their applications in real-world problems.

Reflection: Unit Review

Reflect on what you have learned in this unit. What were some of the challenging concepts? How can you apply what you have learned to real-world problems?

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