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Example 1

Identify the slope and y-intercept of the equation y = 2x + 3.

Slope (m) = 2

Y-intercept (b) = 3

Understanding Slope-Intercept Form

To understand the slope-intercept form, we need to analyze the equation y = mx + b. The slope (m) represents the rate of change of the line, while the y-intercept (b) represents the point at which the line crosses the y-axis.

Example 2

Graph the equation y = x - 2.

Y-intercept (b) = -2

Slope (m) = 1

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Graphing Linear Equations

To graph a linear equation, we need to plot the y-intercept and use the slope to draw the line.

Example 3

Graph the equation y = 2x + 1.

Y-intercept (b) = 1

Slope (m) = 2

Real-World Applications

Linear equations have many real-world applications, such as modeling the cost of producing items, the distance traveled over time, and the height of a projectile under the influence of gravity.

Example 4

A company charges a base fee of $10 plus an additional $2 per hour to rent a car. Write an equation to represent the cost of renting a car for x hours.

Equation: y = 2x + 10

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Practice Questions

Complete the following practice questions to reinforce your understanding of slope-intercept form and linear equation graphing.

1. Identify the slope and y-intercept of the equation y = 3x - 2.
2. Graph the equation y = 2x + 1.
3. A bakery sells a total of 250 loaves of bread per day. They sell a combination of whole wheat and white bread. If they sell 50 more whole wheat loaves than white bread loaves, and x represents the number of white bread loaves sold, write an equation to represent the total number of loaves sold.

Activities

Complete the following activities to apply your understanding of slope-intercept form and linear equation graphing.

1. Design a theme park ride using linear equations in slope-intercept form.
2. Create a graph of a linear equation and identify the slope and y-intercept.
3. Write a short story that incorporates linear equations and graphing.

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Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts related to slope-intercept form and linear equation graphing. We will delve into the world of systems of linear equations, where we will learn how to solve for multiple variables using substitution and elimination methods.

Example 5

Solve the system of linear equations using substitution:

2x + 3y = 7

x - 2y = -3

Solution: x = 1, y = 2

Case Study: Traffic Flow

A traffic engineer is tasked with optimizing traffic flow on a busy highway. The engineer uses linear equations to model the relationship between the number of cars on the road and the average speed of traffic. By analyzing the equations, the engineer can determine the optimal speed limit to minimize congestion and reduce travel time.

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Real-World Applications

Linear equations have numerous real-world applications in fields such as physics, engineering, economics, and computer science. In this section, we will explore some of these applications and learn how linear equations are used to model and solve real-world problems.

Example 6

A company produces two products, A and B, using two machines, X and Y. The production rates are as follows:

Machine X: 2 units of A per hour, 3 units of B per hour

Machine Y: 4 units of A per hour, 2 units of B per hour

If the company wants to produce 100 units of A and 120 units of B, how many hours should each machine run?

Solution: Machine X runs for 20 hours, Machine Y runs for 30 hours

> **Group Activity: Linear Equation Scavenger Hunt**
>
> Divide into groups and find real-world examples of linear equations in use. Present your findings to the class and discuss how linear equations are used to solve problems in different fields.

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Graphing Linear Inequalities

In this section, we will learn how to graph linear inequalities. We will explore the different types of linear inequalities, including less than, greater than, less than or equal to, and greater than or equal to.

Example 7

Graph the linear inequality $2x + 3y > 5$.

Solution: The graph shows the region above the line $2x + 3y = 5$.

Reflection: Linear Inequalities in Real Life

Think about how linear inequalities are used in real-life situations, such as budgeting, resource allocation, and decision-making. How can linear inequalities help us make informed decisions?

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Systems of Linear Inequalities

In this section, we will learn how to solve systems of linear inequalities. We will explore the different methods for solving systems, including graphing and substitution.

Example 8

Solve the system of linear inequalities:

$2x + 3y > 5$

$x - 2y < 3$

Solution: The solution is the region that satisfies both inequalities.

Case Study: Resource Allocation

A company has two resources, labor and materials, which are used to produce two products, A and B. The company wants to allocate the resources to maximize profit. Using linear inequalities, the company can determine the optimal allocation of resources to achieve the desired profit.

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Review and Practice

In this section, we will review the key concepts learned in this unit and provide practice problems to reinforce understanding.

Example 9

Solve the linear equation 2x + 5 = 11.

Solution: x = 3

> ### Group Activity: Linear Equation Review
>
> Divide into groups and review the key concepts learned in this unit. Create a set of practice problems and solutions to share with the class.

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Assessment and Evaluation

In this section, we will assess and evaluate student understanding of the key concepts learned in this unit.

Example 10

Solve the system of linear equations:

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Reflection: Unit Review

Reflect on what you have learned in this unit. What were the key concepts? How can you apply what you have learned to real-world situations?

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