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Task 2: Identify the slope and y-intercept of the equation y = x - 2.

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Identifying Slope and Y-Intercept

The slope of a linear equation is a measure of how steep the line is. The y-intercept is the point where the line crosses the y-axis.

Task 1: What is the slope of the line that passes through the points (1, 2) and (3, 4)?

Task 2: Identify the y-intercept of the equation y = 2x - 3.

Task 3: What is the equation of the line that passes through the points (2, 1) and (4, 3)?

Real-World Applications

Linear equations can be used to model real-world situations, such as the cost of producing a product or the distance traveled by a car.

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Task 3: A car travels 200 miles in 4 hours. Write an equation to model this situation and graph it on the coordinate plane.

Graphing Linear Equations with Fractions

Linear equations can also be written with fractions, such as $y = (1/2)x + 1$.

Task 1: Graph the equation $y = (1/2)x + 1$ on the coordinate plane.

Task 2: Identify the slope and y-intercept of the equation $y = (3/4)x - 2$.

Task 3: Graph the equation $y = (2/3)x + 1$ on the coordinate plane.

Error Analysis

It is important to check your work for errors when graphing linear equations.

Task 1: Identify the error in the graph of the equation $y = 2x + 1$.

Task 2: Correct the error and re-graph the equation.

Task 3: What is the equation of the line that passes through the points (1, 1) and (3, 5)?

Independent Practice

Now it's your turn to practice graphing linear equations on your own.

Task 1: Graph the equation y = x - 2 on the coordinate plane.

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Word Problems

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Review

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Task 1: What is the slope of the line that passes through the points (2, 3) and (4, 5)?

Task 2: Identify the y-intercept of the equation y = x - 2.

Task 3: Graph the equation y = 2x + 1 on the coordinate plane.

Challenge

Now it's time to challenge yourself with some more difficult problems.

Task 1: Graph the equation y = 2x^2 + 3x - 1 on the coordinate plane.

Task 2: Identify the vertex, axis of symmetry, and x-intercepts of the equation y = x^2 - 4x + 3.

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Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore more advanced concepts related to graphing linear equations. We will discuss how to graph equations with fractions, decimals, and negative numbers. We will also learn how to identify the slope and y-intercept of an equation and how to use this information to graph the equation.

Task 1: Graph the equation y = (3/4)x + 2 on the coordinate plane.

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

Task 3: Graph the equation y = (2/3)x - 1 on the coordinate plane.

Real-World Applications

Linear equations have many real-world applications. They can be used to model population growth, financial transactions, and scientific experiments. In this section, we will explore some of these applications and learn how to use linear equations to solve real-world problems.

Case Study: Population Growth

The population of a city is growing at a rate of 2% per year. If the current population is 100,000, what will the population be in 10 years? Use a linear equation to model this situation and solve for the population in 10 years.

Graphing Linear Inequalities

In this section, we will learn how to graph linear inequalities. We will discuss the different types of inequalities and how to graph them on the coordinate plane. We will also learn how to solve systems of linear inequalities.

Task 1: Graph the inequality $y > 2x - 3$ on the coordinate plane.

Task 2: Solve the system of inequalities $y > 2x - 3$ and $y < -x + 2$.

Task 3: Graph the inequality $y < (1/2)x + 1$ on the coordinate plane.

Systems of Linear Equations

In this section, we will learn how to solve systems of linear equations. We will discuss the different methods for solving systems, including substitution and elimination. We will also learn how to graph systems of linear equations and identify the solution.

Task 1: Solve the system of equations y = 2x - 3 and y = -x + 2 using substitution.

Task 2: Solve the system of equations y = (1/2)x + 1 and y = -2x - 3 using elimination.

Task 3: Graph the system of equations y = x - 2 and y = -x + 1 and identify the solution.

Review and Assessment

In this section, we will review the concepts learned in this unit and assess our understanding of graphing linear equations. We will complete a review worksheet and take a quiz to assess our knowledge.

Task 1: Complete the review worksheet on graphing linear equations.

Task 2: Take the quiz on graphing linear equations.

Task 3: Reflect on your understanding of graphing linear equations and identify areas for improvement.

Extension and Enrichment

In this section, we will explore extension and enrichment activities related to graphing linear equations. We will learn how to graph quadratic equations and explore real-world applications of linear equations.

Task 1: Graph the quadratic equation y = x^2 + 2x - 3 on the coordinate plane.

Task 2: Research and present on a real-world application of linear equations.

Task 3: Create a project that demonstrates your understanding of graphing linear equations.

Conclusion

In this unit, we learned how to graph linear equations on the coordinate plane. We explored the different types of linear equations, including slope-intercept form and standard form. We also learned how to identify the slope and y-intercept of an equation and how to use this information to graph the equation.

Task 1: Reflect on what you learned in this unit and identify areas for improvement.

Task 2: Create a concept map that summarizes the key concepts learned in this unit.

Task 3: Write a reflection essay on your learning experience in this unit.

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