

DO NOW

Of the points (0, 5), (2, 4), (3, 3), and (6, 2) which one does not lie on the same line as the other three? Explain how you found your answer.

(3,3)

*Draw graph and check

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3.1 Graphing a Line Parallel to an Axis

Recall: x-axis is horizontal
y-axis is vertical

Equations that contain only one variable:

will be parallel to the other lettered axis.

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Special Graphs:

1. $y = \#$

→ If there is no x (ONLY y), then the graph CANNOT cross the x -axis.

→ PARALLEL to the X-AXIS
horizontal

→ to graph → start at given $\#$ on the y -axis

2. $x = \#$

→ If there is no y (ONLY x), then the graph CANNOT cross the y -axis.

→ PARALLEL to the Y-AXIS
vertical

→ to graph → start at given $\#$ on the x -axis

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Examples:

1. Write the equation of a line that is parallel to the y-axis and 2 units left of the y -axis. no "y" in the equation must be " $x = \#$ "

$$x = -2$$

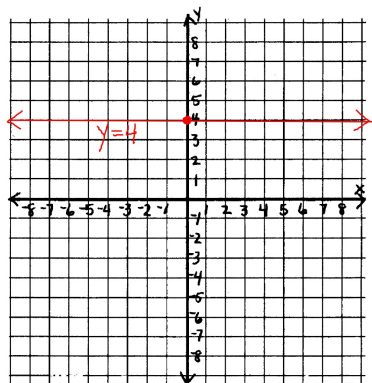
2. Write the equation of a line that is parallel to the x-axis and 8 units above. no "x" in the equation must be " $y = \#$ "

$$y = 8$$

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3. Graph $y = 4$

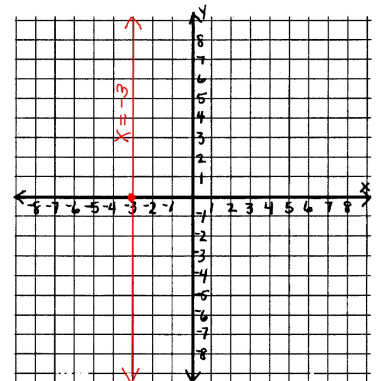
no x
parallel to x
* horizontal



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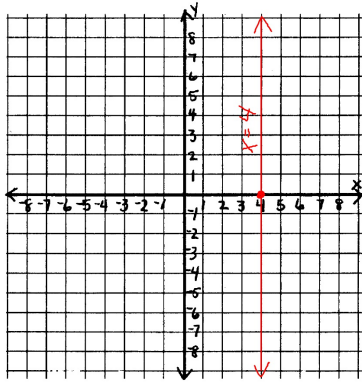
4. Graph $x = -3$

no y
parallel to y
* vertical



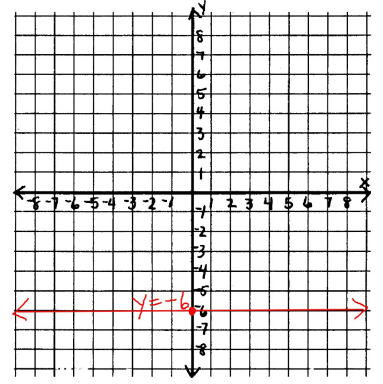
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5. Graph $x = 4$
Vertical



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6. Graph $y = -6$
horizontal



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HOMEWORK

Worksheet - HW 3.1
Lines Parallel to an Axis

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