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Graph $y = 2x - 3$

x	$2x - 3$	y	(x, y)
-1	$2(-1) - 3$	-5	$(-1, -5)$
0	$2(0) - 3$	-3	$(0, -3)$
1	$2(1) - 3$	-1	$(1, -1)$

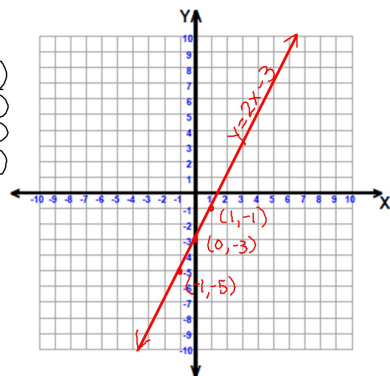
Find the slope.

$$m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$$m = 2$$

Find the y-intercept.

$$y = -3$$



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3.4 Graphing a Linear Equation

Slope Intercept Form of a line:

$$y = mx + b \quad \text{"y=" form}$$

m = slope (in front of the x)

b = y-intercept (constant)

Examples: Find the slope and y-intercept.

1. $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 7$

$$m = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$b = 7$$

2. $y = -2x$

$$m = -2$$

$$b = 0$$

3. $y = -4x + \frac{1}{2}$

$$m = -4$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}$$

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A linear equation can be graphed using:

$$y = mx + b$$

"y=" form slope y-intercept (point on y-axis)

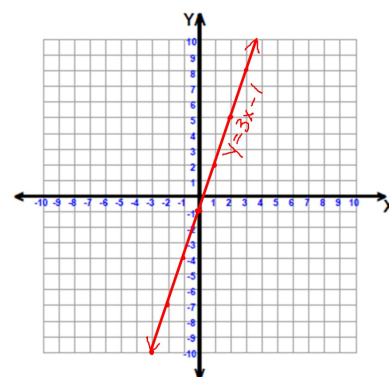
★ Start by plotting the y-intercept.
Then count using slope to place other points.

1. Graph:

$$y = 3x - 1$$

$$m = \frac{3}{1}$$

$$b = -1$$



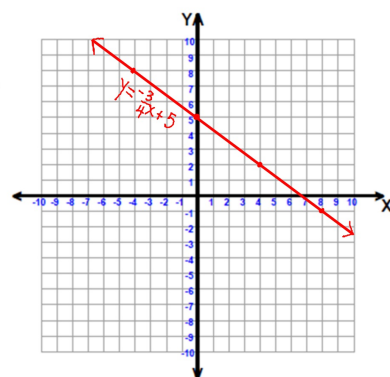
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2. Graph:

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 5$$

$$m = \frac{-3}{4} \rightarrow \text{ or } \frac{3}{4} \uparrow$$

$$b = 5$$



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3. Graph:

$$-y - 2x = -4$$

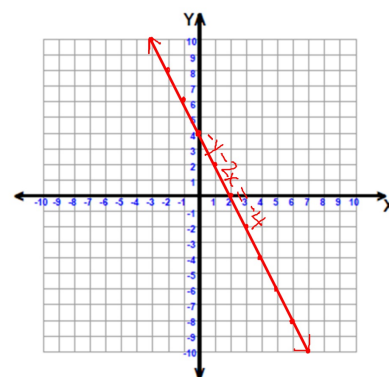
$$-y = 2x - 4$$

$$y = \frac{2x - 4}{-1}$$

$$y = -2x + 4$$

$$m = \frac{-2}{1}$$

$$b = 4$$



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4. Graph:

$$5x + 2y = 6$$

$$2y = -5x + 6$$

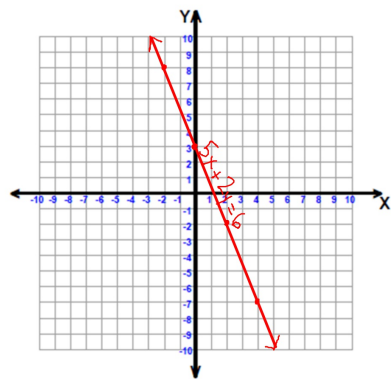
$$y = \frac{-5x + 6}{2}$$

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

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}x + 3$$

$$m = -\frac{5}{2} \downarrow$$

$$b = 3 \rightarrow$$



HOMEWORK

Worksheet - HW 3.4 - Graphing Linear Equations