

Study Guide and Intervention

Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

Parallel Lines Two nonvertical lines are **parallel** if they have the same slope. All vertical lines are parallel.

Example Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through $(-1, 6)$ and is parallel to the graph of $y = 2x + 12$.

A line parallel to $y = 2x + 12$ has the same slope, 2. Replace m with 2 and (x_1, y_1) with $(-1, 6)$ in the point-slope form.

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad \text{Point-slope form}$$

$$y - 6 = 2(x - (-1)) \quad m = 2; (x_1, y_1) = (-1, 6)$$

$$y - 6 = 2(x + 1) \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

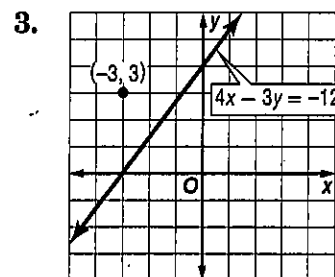
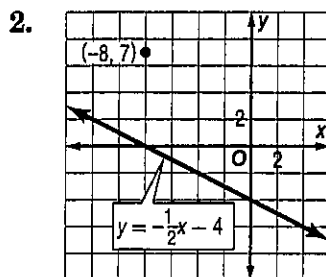
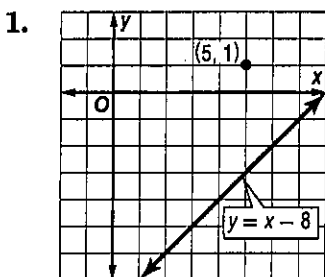
$$y - 6 = 2x + 2 \quad \text{Distributive Property}$$

$$y = 2x + 8 \quad \text{Slope-intercept form}$$

Therefore, the equation is $y = 2x + 8$.

Exercises

Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through the given point and is parallel to the graph of each equation.



4. $(-2, 2), y = 4x - 2$

5. $(6, 4), y = \frac{1}{3}x + 1$

6. $(4, -2), y = -2x + 3$

7. $(-2, 4), y = -3x + 10$

8. $(-1, 6), 3x + y = 12$

9. $(4, -6), x + 2y = 5$

10. Find an equation of the line that has a y -intercept of 2 that is parallel to the graph of the line $4x + 2y = 8$.

11. Find an equation of the line that has a y -intercept of -1 that is parallel to the graph of the line $x - 3y = 6$.

12. Find an equation of the line that has a y -intercept of -4 that is parallel to the graph of the line $y = 6$.

Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)***Parallel and Perpendicular Lines**

Perpendicular Lines Two non-vertical lines are **perpendicular** if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other. Vertical and horizontal lines are perpendicular.

Example Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through $(-4, 2)$ and is perpendicular to the graph of $2x - 3y = 9$.

Find the slope of $2x - 3y = 9$.

$$2x - 3y = 9 \quad \text{Original equation}$$

$$-3y = -2x + 9 \quad \text{Subtract } 2x \text{ from each side.}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 3 \quad \text{Divide each side by } -3.$$

The slope of $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 3$ is $\frac{2}{3}$. So, the slope of the line passing through $(-4, 2)$ that is perpendicular to this line is the negative reciprocal of $\frac{2}{3}$, or $-\frac{3}{2}$.

Use the point-slope form to find the equation.

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad \text{Point-slope form}$$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - (-4)) \quad m = -\frac{3}{2}; (x_1, y_1) = (-4, 2)$$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x + 4) \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}x - 6 \quad \text{Distributive Property}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 4 \quad \text{Slope-intercept form}$$

Exercises

1. **ARCHITECTURE** On the architect's plans for a new high school, a wall represented by \overline{MN} has endpoints $M(-3, -1)$ and $N(2, 1)$. A wall represented by \overline{PQ} has endpoints $P(4, -4)$ and $Q(-2, 11)$. Are the walls perpendicular? Explain.

Determine whether the graphs of the following equations are *parallel* or *perpendicular*. Explain.

2. $2x + y = -7$, $x - 2y = -4$, $4x - y = 5$

3. $y = 3x$, $6x - 2y = 7$, $3y = 9x - 1$

Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through the given point and is perpendicular to the graph of each equation.

4. $(4, 2)$, $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$

5. $(2, -3)$, $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 4$

6. $(6, 4)$, $y = 7x + 1$

7. $(-8, -7)$, $y = -x - 8$

8. $(6, -2)$, $y = -3x - 6$

9. $(-5, -1)$, $y = \frac{5}{2}x - 3$

