

GRAPHING LINEAR EQUATIONS

SLOPE INTERCEPT FORM: $y = mx + b$

SLOPE:

Represented by m in the equation

$$\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

Y-INTERCEPT:

Represented by b in the equation

Where line crosses the y axis

$(0, b)$

USING SLOPE:

Positive:

$\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$ ← How far UP
← How far RIGHT

Negative:

How far DOWN → $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$
How far RIGHT →

STEPS:

1. Plot the y-intercept
2. Use the slope to plot more points

I'll do algebra, I'll
do trig, and I'll
even do statistics,
but
graphing is where I
draw the line!

OH NO! YOU RAN OUT OF GRAPH, NOW WHAT?

1. Don't panic
2. Go back to the y-intercept
3. Go in the opposite directions for slope

Positive: down and left



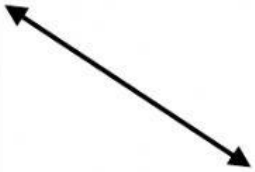
Negative: up and left

REMEMBER:

$$y = x + 8 \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{1}x + 8$$

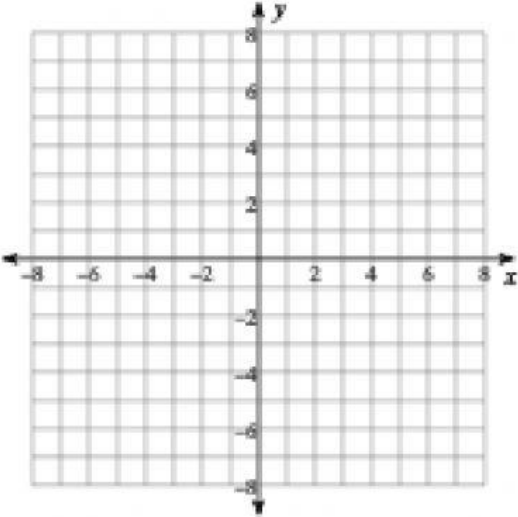
$$y = 2x \rightarrow y = \frac{2}{1}x + 0$$

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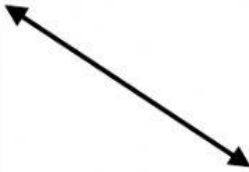
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Example: Graphing Equations with Positive Slope

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

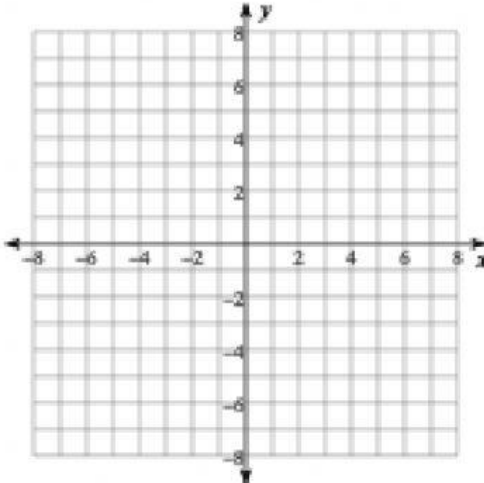
Step 1: Plot the y intercept	y-int = 2	
Step 2: Use the slope to create more point from the y intercept	Slope = $\frac{1}{4}$	

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Example: Graphing Equations with Negative Slope

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

Step 1: Plot the y intercept	y - int = 5	
Step 2: Use the slope to create more point from the y intercept	Slope = $-\frac{2}{3}$	