

In some cases, it is not always easy to find the y-intercept on the graph of a line. In previous lessons, you were able to identify the y-intercept by looking at a graph or table of a linear relationship. Today, you will learn a way to identify the y-intercept by using another method. In order to find the y-intercept of a line, you must know the slope of the line.

$$\text{Slope is } \frac{\text{vertical change}}{\text{horizontal change}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

Given the coordinates of two points you can also find the slope with the slope formula:

$$(x_1, y_1) \text{ and } (x_2, y_2) \text{ the slope is: } \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Find the slope of the line that passes through the two given points, and determine if the line is a function.

1. (7, 5) and (10, -1)
2. (3, -2) and (3, 4)
3. (-2, 8) and (8, 6)
4. (7, 9) and (11, 9)

The following formulas can be used to find the equation of a line.

<b><u>Slope Intercept Form</u></b> $y = mx + b$ or $y = b + mx$	<b><u>Point - Slope Formula</u></b> $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
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Find the equation of a line given a slope and a point on the line or given two points on the line.

5. Slope of the line is 2 and it passes through the point (4, 6).

6. Slope of the line is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and it passes through the point  $(-2, 3)$ .

7. The line passes through the points  $(3, 5)$  and  $(4, 1)$ .

8. The line passes through the points  $(-3, -6)$  and  $(-12, -6)$ .

At noon, the temperature in Way Too Cold USA was  $12^{\circ}\text{F}$ . For the next 24 hours, the temperature fell by an average of  $3^{\circ}\text{F}$  per hour.

9. Write an equation for the temperature,  $T$ ,  $n$  hours after noon.

10. What is the  $y$ -intercept of the equation? What does the  $y$ -intercept tell you about the situation?

11. What is the slope of the equation? What does the slope tell you about this situation?

12. What was the temperature at 7 p.m. in Way Too Cold?