

WRITING EQUATIONS OF LINES

UNLESS YOU'RE GIVEN THE SLOPE AND Y-INTERCEPT, USE POINT-SLOPE FORM FIRST!

- Given **slope** and a **point**: use point slope form, then convert
- Given **two points**: find SLOPE! then use point-slope form.

USE THE GIVEN INFO TO WRITE A LINEAR EQUATION IN THE INDICATED FORM:

- 1) Passes through the point (5, -3) with slope $\frac{1}{2}$. **(slope-intercept form)**

$$y + 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 5)$$

$$y + 3 = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{6}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{11}{2}$$

YOU TRY:

- 2) Passes through the point (-5, 6) with slope $-\frac{2}{3}$. **(slope-intercept form)**

$$y - 6 = -\frac{2}{3}(x + 5)$$

$$y - 6 = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{10}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{10}{3} + \frac{18}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$$

- 3) Passes through the point (8, -3) with slope $\frac{1}{6}$. **(standard form)**

$$y + 3 = \frac{1}{6}(x - 8)$$

$$y + 3 = \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{4}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{4}{3} - \frac{9}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{13}{3}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{6}x + y = -\frac{13}{3}\right) \cdot 6$$

$$-x + 6y = -26$$

YOU TRY:

- 4) Passes through the point (5, -1) with slope $-\frac{1}{3}$. **(standard form)**

$$y + 1 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 5)$$

$$y + 1 = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{3}{3}$$

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

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

$$x + 3y = 2$$

GIVEN TWO POINTS

5) Has an x intercept of -3 and a y intercept of 4. **(slope-intercept form)**

$(-3, 0)$ $(0, 4)$ ← this is the y-intercept
 Find slope: $\frac{4-0}{0-(-3)} = \frac{4}{3}$

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

YOU TRY:

6) Passes through the point $(2, -1)$ and has a y-intercept of 3. **(slope-intercept form)**

$(2, -1)$ $(0, 3)$ ← y int
 Find slope: $\frac{3-(-1)}{0-2} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$

$$y = -2x + 3$$

7) Passes through the points $(2, 4)$ and $(-5, 6)$. **(standard form)**

$(2, 4)$ $(-5, 6)$
 Find slope: $\frac{6-4}{-5-2} = \frac{2}{-7}$
 Pt. Slope: $y-4 = \frac{-2}{7}(x-2)$

$$y-4 = \frac{-2}{7}x + \frac{4}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{-2}{7}x + \frac{4}{7} + \frac{28}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{-2}{7}x + \frac{32}{7}$$

$$\frac{2}{7}x + y = \frac{32}{7}$$

$$2x + 7y = 32$$

YOU TRY:

8) Passes through the points $(3, 11)$ and $(-6, 5)$. **(standard form)**

Find slope: $\frac{11-5}{3-(-6)} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$y-11 = \frac{2}{3}(x-3)$$

$$y-11 = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 9$$

$$-\frac{2}{3}x + y = 9$$

$$-2x + 3y = 27$$