Study Guide and Intervention

Writing Equations in Slope-Intercept Form

Write an Equation Given the Slope and One Point

Example 1 Write an equation of a line that passes through (-4, 2)with slope 3.

The line has slope 3. To find the *y*-intercept, replace m with 3 and (x, y)with (-4, 2) in the slope-intercept form. Then solve for b.

$$y = mx + b$$

Slope-intercept form

$$2 = 3(-4) + b$$

m = 3, y = 2, and x = -4

$$2 = -12 + b$$

Multiply.

$$14 = b$$

Add 12 to each side.

Therefore, the equation is y = 3x + 14.

Example 2 Write an equation of the line that passes through (-2, -1) with slope $\frac{1}{4}$.

The line has slope $\frac{1}{4}$. Replace m with $\frac{1}{4}$ and (x, y)with (-2, -1) in the slope-intercept form.

$$y = mx + b$$

Slope-intercept form

$$-1 = \frac{1}{4}(-2) + b$$

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 $m = \frac{1}{4}, y = -1, \text{ and } x = -2$

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

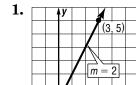
$$-\frac{1}{2}=b$$

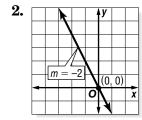
Add $\frac{1}{2}$ to each side.

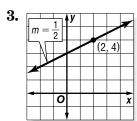
Therefore, the equation is $y = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$.

Exercises

Write an equation of the line that passes through each point with the given slope.







4.
$$(8, 2), m = -\frac{3}{4}$$

5.
$$(-1, -3), m = 5$$

6.
$$(4, -5), m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

7.
$$(-5, 4), m = 0$$

8.
$$(2, 2), m = \frac{1}{2}$$

9.
$$(1, -4), m = -6$$

- **10.** Write an equation of a line that passes through the y-intercept -3 with slope 2.
- **11.** Write an equation of a line that passes through the *x*-intercept 4 with slope -3.
- 12. Write an equation of a line that passes through the point (0, 350) with slope $\frac{1}{5}$.