Chapter 7: Linear Equations

7.1b Slope-Intercept Form



In general, to write the equation of a straight-line graph, you can use the following two constants:

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In general, the equation of a non-vertical line graph can be written in slope-intercept form:

Example:

a) What is the slope and y-intercept of each line shown in the graphs below?

b) What is the equations of each line in slope-intercept form?



iv) slope -2, through (0,1)

Graph the following equations using the slope and y-intercept.



• If we want to use the slope and y-intercept to graph an equation like 4x + 3y = 6, we have to <u>solve</u> <u>the equation for y</u> in order to get the equation in the form y = mx + b, where m is the slope and b is the y-intercept.

Change each equation into y = mx + b by solving for y

- a) 3x + y = 6 c) 4x + 3y = 6
- b) 2x 6y = 6 d) 3x 4y 6 = 0
- 3. Consider the equation y = 2x + b What is each value of "b" if a graph of the line passes through each point?
 - a) (2,1) b) *x*-intercept -2
- 4. For the equation y = mx 2, what is each value of "m" if the line passes through each point?
 - a) (-2,2) b) *x*-intercept 2