2.4 Graphing Linear Equations in Standard Form

Essential Question How can you describe the graph of the equation ax + by = c?

1 ACTIVITY: Using a Table to Plot Points

Work with a partner. You sold a total of \$16 worth of tickets to a school concert. You lost track of how many of each type of ticket you sold.

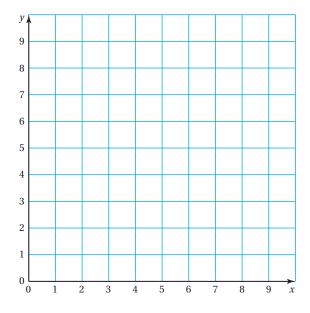


$$\frac{\$4}{\text{Adult}}$$
 • Number of Adult Tickets + $\frac{\$2}{\text{Child}}$ • Number of Child Tickets = $\$16$

- **a.** Let *x* represent the number of adult tickets. Let *y* represent the number of child tickets. Write an equation that relates *x* and *y*.
- **b.** Copy and complete the table showing the different combinations of tickets you might have sold.

Number of Adult Tickets, x			
Number of Child Tickets, y			

- **c.** Plot the points from the table. Describe the pattern formed by the points.
- d. If you remember how many adult tickets you sold, can you determine how many child tickets you sold? Explain your reasoning.



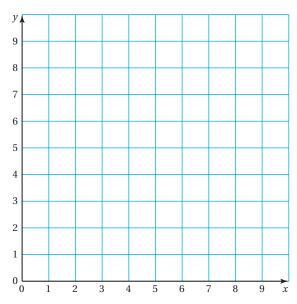
2 **ACTIVITY:** Rewriting an Equation

Work with a partner. You sold a total of \$16 worth of cheese. You forgot how many pounds of each type of cheese you sold.



$$\frac{\$4}{\text{lb}}$$
 • Pounds of Swiss + $\frac{\$2}{\text{lb}}$ • Pounds of Cheddar = $\$16$

- **a.** Let *x* represent the number of pounds of Swiss cheese. Let *y* represent the number of pounds of Cheddar cheese. Write an equation that relates *x* and *y*.
- **b.** Write the equation in slope-intercept form. Then graph the equation.



What Is Your Answer?

- **3. IN YOUR OWN WORDS** How can you describe the graph of the equation ax + by = c?
- **4.** Activities 1 and 2 show two different methods for graphing ax + by = c. Describe the two methods. Which method do you prefer? Explain.
- **5.** Write a real-life problem that is similar to those shown in Activities 1 and 2.

Practice

Use what you learned about graphing linear equations in standard form to complete Exercises 3 and 4 on page 72.



Key Vocabulary

standard form, p. 70

Study Tip

Any linear equation can be written in standard form.



Standard Form of a Linear Equation

The **standard form** of a linear equation is

$$ax + by = c$$

where a and b are not both zero.

Graphing a Linear Equation in Standard Form EXAMPLE

Graph -2x + 3y = -6.

Step 1: Write the equation in slope-intercept form.

$$-2x + 3y = -6$$
 Write the equation.

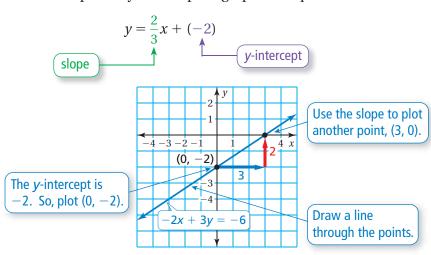
$$3y = 2x - 6$$

3y = 2x - 6 Add 2x to each side.

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

 $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$ Divide each side by 3.

Step 2: Use the slope and *y*-intercept to graph the equation.



On Your Own



Graph the linear equation.

1.
$$x + y = -2$$

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

3.
$$-\frac{2}{3}x + y = 0$$

4.
$$2x + y = 5$$

Graph x + 3y = -3 using intercepts.

Step 1: To find the *x*-intercept, substitute 0 for *y*.

$$x + 3y = -3$$

$$x + 3(0) = -3$$

$$x = -3$$

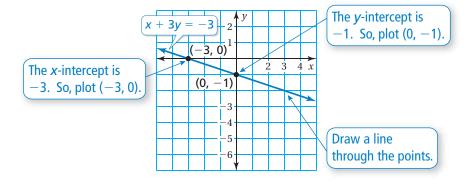
To find the *y*-intercept, substitute 0 for *x*.

$$x + 3y = -3$$

$$0 + 3y = -3$$

$$y = -1$$

Step 2: Graph the equation.



EXAMPLE 3 Real-Life Application



You have \$6 to spend on apples and bananas. (a) Graph the equation 1.5x + 0.6y = 6, where x is the number of pounds of apples and y is the number of pounds of bananas. (b) Interpret the intercepts.

a. Find the intercepts and graph the equation.

x-intercept

$$1.5x + 0.6y = 6$$

$$1.5x + 0.6y = 6$$

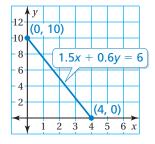
$$1.5x + 0.6(0) = 6$$

$$1.5(0) + 0.6y = 6$$

$$x = 4$$

$$y = 10$$

b. The *x*-intercept shows that you can buy 4 pounds of apples if you don't buy any bananas. The *y*-intercept shows that you can buy 10 pounds of bananas if you don't buy any apples.



On Your Own

Now You're Ready

Exercises 16-18

Graph the linear equation using intercepts.

5.
$$2x - y = 8$$

6.
$$x + 3y = 6$$

7. WHAT IF? In Example 3, you buy *y* pounds of oranges instead of bananas. Oranges cost \$1.20 per pound. Graph the equation 1.5x + 1.2y = 6. Interpret the intercepts.

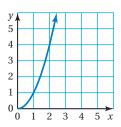
2.4 Exercises





Vocabulary and Concept Check

- **1. VOCABULARY** Is the equation y = -2x + 5 in standard form? Explain.
- **2. REASONING** Does the graph represent a linear equation? Explain.





Practice and Problem Solving

Define two variables for the verbal model. Write an equation in slope-intercept form that relates the variables. Graph the equation.

3.
$$\frac{$2.00}{\text{pound}}$$
 • Pounds of peaches

$$+\frac{\$1.50}{\text{pound}}$$

4.
$$\frac{16 \text{ miles}}{\text{hour}}$$

Write the linear equation in slope-intercept form.



5.
$$2x + y = 17$$

6.
$$5x - y = \frac{1}{4}$$

7.
$$-\frac{1}{2}x + y = 10$$

Graph the linear equation.

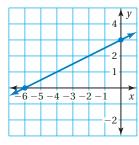
8.
$$-18x + 9y = 72$$

9.
$$16x - 4y = 2$$

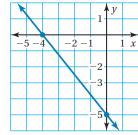
10.
$$\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{3}{4}y = 1$$

Use the graph to find the x- and y-intercepts.

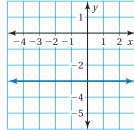




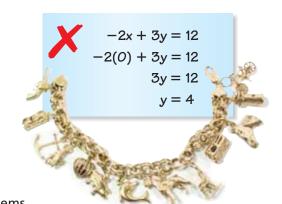
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13.



- **14. ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in finding the *x*-intercept.
- **15. BRACELET** A charm bracelet costs \$65, plus \$25 for each charm.
 - **a.** Write an equation in standard form that represents the total cost of the bracelet.
 - **b.** How much does the bracelet shown cost?



Graph the linear equation using intercepts.

2 16.
$$3x - 4y = -12$$

17.
$$2x + y = 8$$

18.
$$\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{6}y = -\frac{2}{3}$$

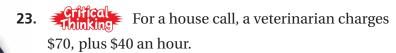
19. SHOPPING The amount of money you spend on x CDs and y DVDs is given by the equation 14x + 18y = 126. Find the intercepts and graph the equation.



- **20. SCUBA** Five friends go scuba diving. They rent a boat for *x* days and scuba gear for *y* days. The total spent is \$1000.
 - **a.** Write an equation in standard form that represents the situation.
 - **b.** Graph the equation and interpret the intercepts.
- **21. WAGES** You work at a restaurant as a host and a server. You earn \$9.45 for each hour you work as a host and \$7.65 for each hour you work as a server.
 - **a.** Write an equation in standard form that models your earnings.
 - **b.** Graph the equation.

Basic Information				
Pay to the Order of:				
John Doe				
# of hours worked as				
host: <i>x</i>				
# of hours worked as				
server: <i>y</i>				
Earnings for this pay				
period: \$160.65				

22. REASONING Does the graph of every linear equation have an *x*-intercept? Explain your reasoning. Include an example.



- **a.** Write an equation that represents the total fee *y* charged by the veterinarian for a visit lasting *x* hours.
- **b.** Find the *x*-intercept. Will this point appear on the graph of the equation? Explain your reasoning.
- **c.** Graph the equation.



Fair Game Review What you learned in previous grades & lessons

Copy and complete the table of values. (Skills Review Handbook)

24.	х	-2	-1	0	1	2
	2x + 5					



- **26. MULTIPLE CHOICE** Which value of *x* makes the equation 4x 12 = 3x 9 true? (*Section 1.3*)
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- **B** 0

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