

1. Given is the line with equation $y = 3x - 2$.

- (a) Find five points on the line and arrange them in a table.

Answer

$y = 3x - 2$	
x	y
-2	-8
0	-2
1	1
3	7
10	28

- (b) Graph the line.

Answer See the graph on the last page.

- (c) Find the x -intercept and the y -intercept.

Answer To find the x -intercept let $y = 0$ in $y = 3x - 2$ and solve for x .

Thus, the x -intercept is the point $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$.

To find the y -intercept let $x = 0$ in $y = 3x - 2$ and solve for y .

Thus, the y -intercept is the point $(0, -2)$.

2. Find the slope-intercept form of the equation of the line through the points $(2, 7)$ and $(5, 2)$ and graph it.

Answer First calculate the slope. $m = \frac{7-2}{2-5} = -\frac{5}{3}$. So far we have

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

To solve for b we substitute the coordinates of a point on the line, for example $(2, 7)$. Then at the point $(2, 7)$ we have

$$7 = -\frac{5}{3} \cdot 2 + b \iff b = 7 + 2 \cdot \frac{5}{3} \iff b = \frac{31}{3}$$

and so the answer is

$$y = -\frac{5}{3}x + \frac{31}{3}$$

We should check our work by verifying that the other point also lies on the line.

In other words, substituting the point $(5, 2)$ we should obtain an identity.

$$2 = -\frac{5}{3} \cdot 5 + \frac{31}{3} = -\frac{25}{3} + \frac{31}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Q.E.D.