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## Find and Use Slopes of Lines

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The rate of change in a linear relationship is known as slope. This measure of steepness is one of the most important properties of a straight line.

Lines with an increasing rate of change
have a positive slope:


Lines with a constant rate of change have zero slope:


Lines with a decreasing rate of change has a negative slope:


Vertical lines have an undefined slope.

A. What do the coordinates of lines with zero slope have in common?
B. What do the coordinates of lines with an undefined slope have in common?
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I. Slope from Graphs

Identify the slope for each graph below.
1.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
3.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
5.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
II. Slope from Tables

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2.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
4.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
6.


Slope $=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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Identify the slope for each table below.
7. $\qquad$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -1 | -3 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 7 |
| 8 | 15 |
| 10 | 19 |

8. 

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -2 | 7 |
| -1 | 4 |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | -2 |
| 2 | -5 |

9. $\qquad$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -2 | 3 |
| -1 | 3 |
| 0 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 |

10. 

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -3 | 11 |
| 1 | 9 |
| 3 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 |
| 9 | 5 |

III. Slope from Two Points

Identify the slope from the points below.
11. $(1,-3)$ and $(4,2)$
12. $(7,2)$ and $(-1,2)$
13. $(0,3)$ and $(6,6)$
IV. Slope from Equations

Identify the slope for each equation
14. $y=4 x-6$
15. $y=-4$
16. $y=6+1 / 2 x$
Slope: $\qquad$ Slope: $\qquad$ Slope: $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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## Slope Answer Key

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Vertical lines have an undefined slope.

A. What do the coordinates of lines with zero slope have in common?

All the $y$-coordinates have the same value.
B. What do the coordinates of lines with an undefined slope have in common?

All the x-coordinates have the same value.
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I. Slope from Graphs

Identify the slope for each graph below.
1.


$$
\text { Slope }=1 / 4
$$

3. 



$$
\text { Slope }=-\frac{4}{5}
$$

5. 



Slope $=2$
2.


Slope $=\frac{3}{2}$
Students may choose 6/4. Help students to see that 6/4 is two steps of $3 / 2$.
4.


Slope $=$ zero
6.


Slope $=-1$
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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II. Slope from Tables

Identify the slope for each table below.
7. 3 8. -3

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -1 | -3 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 7 |
| 8 | 15 |
| 10 | 19 |


| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -2 | 7 |
| -1 | 4 |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | -2 |
| 2 | -5 |

9. 0

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -2 | 3 |
| -1 | 3 |
| 0 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 |

10. $-1 / 2$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -3 | 11 |
| 1 | 9 |
| 3 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 |
| 9 | 5 |

III. Slope from Two Points

Identify the slope from the points below.
11. $(1,-3)$ and $(4,2)$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | -3 |
| 4 | 2 |

The distance between -3
and 2 is 5 ; the
distance
between 1 and
4 is 3 . The
slope is $5 / 3$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 2 |
| -1 | 2 |
| The distance |  |
| between 2 |  |
| and 2 is $0 ;$ |  |
| the distance |  |
| between 7 |  |
| and -1 is -8. |  |
| The slope is |  |
| $0 /-8$ or zero |  |

13. $(0,3)$ and $(6,6)$

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 3 |
| 6 | 6 |
| The distance |  |
| between 3 |  |
| and 6 is $3 ;$ |  |
| the distance |  |
| between 0 |  |
| and 6 is 6. |  |
| The slope is |  |
| $3 / 6$ or $1 / 2$. |  |

IV. Slope from Equations

Identify the slope for each equation
14. $y=4 x-6$

Slope: 4
15. $y=-4$

Slope: 0
16. $y=6-1 / 2 x$

Slope: - $1 / 2$

