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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:



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?

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



Vertical lines have an **undefined slope**.



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Slope from Graphs I.

Identify the slope for each graph below.

1.



Slope = _____





3.







4.

6.

2.



Slope = _____



Slope = _____

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Identify the slope for each table below.

7.			:	3.				9.			10.		
	V	X 7	1		V	V	1		Χ	Y		X	Y
	λ	Y			<u>^</u>	1	-		-2	3		-3	11
	-1	-3			-2	1			1	3	-	1	0
	2	3			-1	Δ	1		-1	3		I	9
		3	-			1	-		0	3		3	8
	4	7			0	1			1	0		7	<u> </u>
	8	15			1	-2			l	3		/	6
	0	15	-		1	-	1		2	3		9	5
	10	19			2	-5			-	U	l L	,	
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III. S	Slope fro	m Two I he slope	Points from the po	oints h	elow								

- 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

$14. \ y = 4x - 6$	15. <i>y</i> = -4	16. $y=6+\frac{1}{2}x$
Slope:	Slope:	Slope:

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Slope Answer Key

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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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Slope from Graphs I.

Identify the slope for each graph below.

1.

Name:









Slope = 2







2

Students may choose 6/4. Help students to see that 6/4 is two steps of 3/2.

4.

6.



Slope = zero





8. -3

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II. Slope from Tables

7. 3

Identify the slope for each table below.

Χ	Y
-2	7
-1	4
0	1
1	-2
2	-5

9. **0**

10.	-1⁄2	
	Χ	Y
	-3	11
	1	9
	3	8
	7	6
	9	5

Identify the slope from the points below. 12. (7, 2) and (-1, 2)

11. (1, -3) and (4, 2)

X	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					

Χ	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				

Χ	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. $y = 4x - 6$	15. <i>y</i> = -4	16. $y=6 - \frac{1}{2}x$
Slope: 4	Slope: 0	Slope: - ¹ /2