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Writing a Linear Equation Given 2 Points
Aim: How can we write a linear equation when given information about the line?

Recall: Write an equation for the given slope and $y$-intercept: $\quad m=\frac{3}{4} \quad b=(0,-5)$

## Steps for Writing the Equation of a Line:

1. Check if the slope if given. If it's not, compute the average rate of change (slope) using the slope formula and 2 coordinates
2. Identify the y-intercept
a. If the $y$-intercept is not given, plug the coordinate into the equation and solve for " $b$ "
3. Write the equation using the slope-intercept form ( $y=m x+b$ )

Example 1: Write the equation of a line that goes through $(2,10)$ and has a slope of $\frac{1}{2}$.

Example 2: Write the equation of a line that goes through $(2,2)$ and has a slope of -5 .

Example 3: Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(5,9)$ and $(-1,3)$.

Example 4: Write the linear equation for each table below.

| $x$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $y$ | -11 | -14 | -17 | -20 | -23 |

Example 5: Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(0,13)$ and $(4,5)$.

Example 6: Write the linear equation for each table below.

| $x$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $y$ | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 |

## On your own!

1. Write the equation of a line that has the following information.

| a) $m=2 \quad b=(0,-7)$ | b) $\quad m=\frac{2}{3}$ and passes through the point $(-9,1)$ |
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2. Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(-5,-4)$ and $(1,8)$.
3. Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(0,8)$ and $(-3,10)$.
4. Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(9,-15)$ and $(10,-18)$.
5. Write the equation of a line that passes through the points $(7,8)$ and $(-3,18)$.
