

## Equation of a Line from Two Points

### Core Worksheet

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#### Worked Examples & Guided Practice

**I Do (Teacher Model)** Find the equation of the line passing through  $A(1, 4)$  and  $B(3, 10)$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

**We Do (Guided Practice)** Find the equation of the line passing through  $P(-2, 9)$  and  $Q(4, -3)$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

**You Do (Independent Practice)** Find the equation of the line passing through  $X(-3, -7)$  and  $Y(5, 5)$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

**Challenge (Extension)** The line  $L_1$  passes through  $(2, -1)$  and  $(6, 7)$ . Line  $L_2$  is perpendicular to  $L_1$  and passes through  $(3, 4)$ . Find the equation of  $L_2$  in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ .

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#### Practice Perfect Questions

- Q1.** Find the equation of the line passing through  $(0, 3)$  and  $(4, 11)$ .
- Q2.** Find the equation of the line passing through  $(2, 7)$  and  $(6, 1)$ .
- Q3.** Find the equation of the line passing through  $(-1, -4)$  and  $(3, 8)$ .
- Q4.** Find the equation of the line passing through  $(-4, 10)$  and  $(2, -2)$ .
- Q5.** A line passes through  $(1, 5)$  and  $(5, 5)$ . State its equation and describe its gradient.
- Q6.** Find the equation of the line passing through  $(-2, 3)$  and  $(4, 6)$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a, b, c$  are integers.

## Answers &amp; Worked Solutions

## Model Solutions

- **I Do:**  $m = \frac{10-4}{3-1} = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3x + c$ . Substitute  $(1, 4) \Rightarrow 4 = 3(1) + c \Rightarrow c = 1 \Rightarrow y = 3x + 1$
- **We Do:**  $m = \frac{-3-9}{4-(-2)} = -2 \Rightarrow y = -2x + c$ . Substitute  $(-2, 9) \Rightarrow 9 = -2(-2) + c \Rightarrow c = 5 \Rightarrow y = -2x + 5$
- **You Do:**  $m = \frac{5-(-7)}{5-(-3)} = \frac{12}{8} = 1.5 \Rightarrow y = 1.5x + c$ . Substitute  $(5, 5) \Rightarrow 5 = 1.5(5) + c \Rightarrow c = -2.5 \Rightarrow y = 1.5x - 2.5$
- **Challenge:**  $m_1 = \frac{7-(-1)}{6-2} = 2 \Rightarrow m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ .  $y - 4 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 3) \Rightarrow 2y - 8 = -x + 3 \Rightarrow x + 2y - 11 = 0$

## Practice Perfect Questions Solutions

**Q1.**  $m = 2 \Rightarrow y = 2x + 3$

**Q2.**  $m = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow y = -1.5x + 10$

**Q3.**  $m = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3x - 1$

**Q4.**  $m = -2 \Rightarrow y = -2x + 2$

**Q5.** Gradient  $m = 0$ . Equation is  $y = 5$  (horizontal line).

**Q6.**  $m = \frac{6-3}{4-(-2)} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = 0.5x + 4 \Rightarrow x - 2y + 8 = 0$