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Equations with Two Variables

To solve equations containing two variables, find ordered pair solutions for the equation by selecting values for x and completing a table. Although any value can be selected for x, values usually selected include -2, -1, 0, 1, and 2.

For example, to solve the equation y = 2x given below in Exercise 1, first select values for x, then complete a table. Ordered pair solutions for the equation y = 2x include (-2, -4), (-1, -2), (0, 0), (1, 2), and (2, 4).

Match each equation with the point whose coordinates are a solution of the equation. Then, at the bottom of the page, write the letter of the point on the line directly above the number of the equation each time it appears. (The first one has been done as an example.) If you have matched the equations and solutions correctly, the letters below will reveal a message.

1. $y = 2x$	A(-3, 8)	N(-1, 0)
2. $y = x - 3$	<i>B</i> (0, 2)	<i>O</i> (3, 0)
3. $y = -x + 1$	<i>C</i> (–2, 1)	<i>P</i> (1, 5)
4. $y = 3x - 2$	<i>D</i> (0, –5)	<i>Q</i> (0, 6)
5. $y = -2x - 4$	<i>E</i> (-1, -5)	<i>R</i> (1, 6)
6. <i>y</i> = <i>x</i> + (-2)	F(1, 3)	<i>S</i> (2, 1)
7. $y = -4x - 1$	G(0, -4)	<i>T</i> (-2, 3)
8. $y = \frac{1}{2}x$	<i>H</i> (-1, 3)	<i>U</i> (1, 2)
9. $y = x + 3$	<i>I</i> (2, 0)	V(-3, 5)
10. $y = 7x + 7$	<i>J</i> (0, 4)	W(0, -7)
11. $y = -2x - 6$	<i>K</i> (-3, 1)	<i>X</i> (-3, -3)
12. $y = -x + 5$	<i>L</i> (-4, 2)	<i>Y</i> (1, 8)
13. $y = -5x + 8$	<i>M</i> (-2, 2)	Z(0, -8)
14. $y = -x$		
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