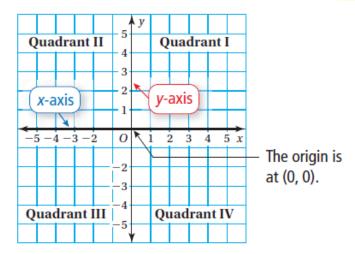
Previously, you plotted points with positive coordinates. Now, you will plot points with positive and negative coordinates.

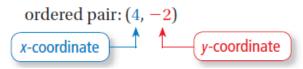


The Coordinate Plane

A **coordinate plane** is formed by the intersection of a horizontal number line and a vertical number line. The number lines intersect at the **origin** and separate the coordinate plane into four regions called **quadrants**.



An ordered pair is used to locate a point in a coordinate plane.



Identifying an Ordered Pair

Which ordered pair corresponds to Point T?

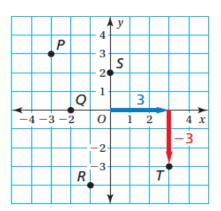
A.
$$(-3, -3)$$

C.
$$(3, -3)$$

Point *T* is 3 units to the right of the origin and 3 units down. So, the *x*-coordinate is 3 and the *y*-coordinate is -3.



The ordered pair (3, -3) corresponds to Point T. The correct answer is \mathbf{C} .

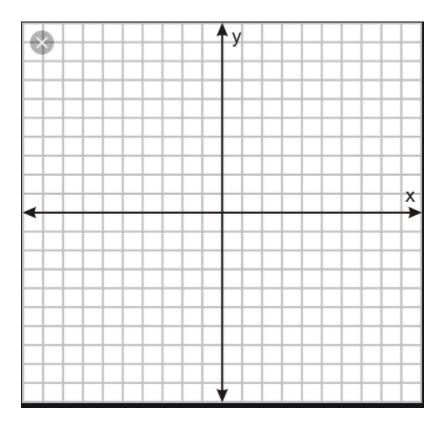


Try It Use the graph in Example 1 to write an ordered pair corresponding to the point.

- **1.** Point *P*
- **2.** Point *Q*
- **3.** Point *R*
- **4.** Point *S*

Try It Plot the ordered pair in a coordinate plane. Describe the location of the point.

5.
$$(3,-1)$$
 6. $(-5,0)$ **7.** $(-2.5,-1)$ **8.** $\left(-1\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}\right)$





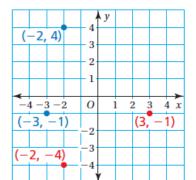
Reflecting a Point in the Coordinate Plane

- To reflect a point in the x-axis, use the same x-coordinate and take the opposite of the y-coordinate.
- To reflect a point in the y-axis, use the same y-coordinate and take the opposite of the x-coordinate.

Reflecting Points in One Axis

a. Reflect (-2, 4) in the x-axis.

Plot
$$(-2, 4)$$
.

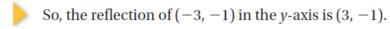


To reflect (-2, 4) in the *x*-axis, use the same *x*-coordinate, -2, and take the opposite of the *y*-coordinate. The opposite of 4 is -4.

- So, the reflection of (-2, 4) in the *x*-axis is (-2, -4).
- b. Reflect (-3, -1) in the y-axis.

Plot
$$(-3, -1)$$
.

To reflect (-3, -1) in the *y*-axis, use the same *y*-coordinate, -1, and take the opposite of the *x*-coordinate. The opposite of -3 is 3.

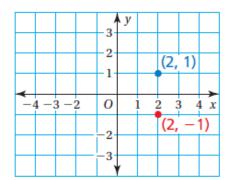


Reflecting a Point in Both Axes

Reflect (2, 1) in the x-axis followed by the y-axis.

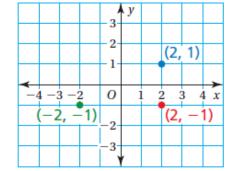
Step 2: Reflect (2, 1) in the *x*-axis. Use the same *x*-coordinate, 2, and take the opposite of the *y*-coordinate. The opposite of 1 is -1.

The reflection of (2, 1) in the x-axis is (2, -1).



Step 3: Reflect (2, -1) in the *y*-axis. Use the same *y*-coordinate, -1, and take the opposite of the *x*-coordinate. The opposite of 2 is -2.

The reflection of (2, -1) in the y-axis is (-2, -1).



So, the reflection of (2, 1) in the *x*-axis followed by the *y*-axis is (-2, -1).