

# Determining Equations Assessment

You can determine the equation of a line given any two points that lie on that line.

Given two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ :

1. Find the slope ( $m$ ) of the line using the equation

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}.$$

2. Plug the slope ( $m$ ) and the coordinates of either point  $(x, y)$  into  $y = mx + b$ .
3. Solve for the y-intercept ( $b$ ).
4. Write your equation in form  $y = mx + b$  with your slope ( $m$ ) and y-intercept ( $b$ ) plugged in.

**Important:** If you already have the slope, you can skip the first step!

1. What does the  $m$  stand for in  $y = mx + b$ ?

2. What does the  $b$  stand for in  $y = mx + b$ ?

3. Given the equation  $y = -x + 2$ , fill in the following table:

x	y
-5	
0	
5	

4. Given the equation  $y = 3x - 5$ , fill in the following table:

x	y
	-5
	1
	7

Determine the Equation of the Lines with the Given Information:

Slope (m): $-4$ , y-intercept: $(0, 25)$	Slope (m): $\frac{2}{3}$ , y-intercept: $(0, 0)$
x-intercept: $(4, 0)$ y-intercept: $(0, 4)$	x-intercept: $(10, 0)$ y-intercept: $(0, 5)$
Slope: $-6$ , Point A $(-2, 4)$	Slope: $\frac{1}{4}$ , Point B $(12, 3)$
F $(-2, -5)$ , G $(6, 11)$	E $(14, 12)$ F $(6, 8)$

