Topic: Coordinates and Linear Graphs

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Coordinates	Written in pairs. The first term is the x-coordinate (movement across). The second term is the y-coordinate (movement up or down)	A: (4,7) B: (-6,-3)
2. Midpoint of	Method 1: add the x coordinates and	Find the midpoint between (2,1) and
a Line	divide by 2, add the y coordinates and	(6,9)
	divide by 2 Method 2: Sketch the line and find the values half way between the two x and two y values.	$\frac{2+6}{2} = 4 \text{ and } \frac{1+9}{2} = 5$ So, the midpoint is (4,5)
3. Linear	Straight line graph.	Example:
Graph	The general equation of a linear graph is $y=mx+c$ where m is the gradient and c is the y-intercept. The equation of a linear graph can contain	Other examples: $x = y$ $y = 4$ $x = -2$ $y = 2x - 7$ $y + x = 10$ $2y - 4x = 12$
	an x-term, a y-term and a number.	
4. Plotting Linear Graphs	Method 1: Table of Values Construct a table of values to calculate coordinates.	x -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 y= x +3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
	Method 2: Gradient-Intercept Method (use when the equation is in the form $y = mx + c$) 1. Plots the y-intercept 2. Using the gradient, plot a second point. 3. Draw a line through the two points plotted.	$y = \frac{3}{2}x + 1$
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5. Gradient	The gradient of a line is how steep it is.	Gradient = 4/2 = 2
6. Finding the Equation of a Line from a graph	Gradient = $\frac{Change\ in\ y}{Change\ in\ x} = \frac{height\ of\ the\ triangle}{Width\ of\ the\ triangle}$ The gradient can be positive (sloping upwards) or negative (sloping downwards) Find the gradient by drawing in your right angled triangles, this is your value for m. Find the y-intercept by looking at where the graph crosses the y-axis. This is your c. Substitute this into $y = mx + c$)	$m = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$ $C=-3$ $y = -2x - 3$
8. Parallel Lines	If two lines are parallel , they will have the same gradient . The value of m will be the same for both lines.	Are the lines $y=3x-1$ and $2y-6x+10=0$ parallel? Answer: Rearrange the second equation in to the form $y=mx+c$ $2y-6x+10=0 \rightarrow y=3x-5$ Since the two gradients are equal (3), the lines are parallel.