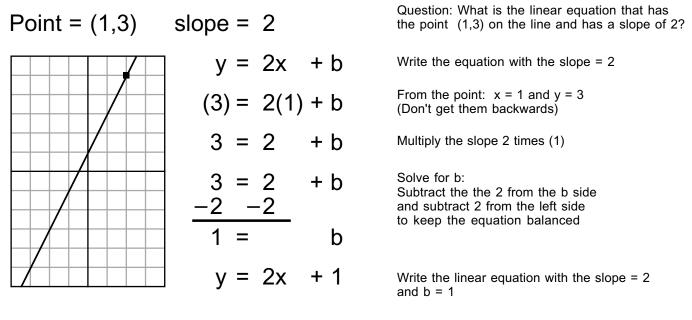
Linear Equations: y = mx + b

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Point and slope



Two points

Points =
$$(2,5)$$
 2 5
(1,3) $-\frac{1}{1}$ $-\frac{3}{2}$

slope = $\frac{2}{1}$

Question: What is the linear equation that has the points (1,3) and (2,5) on the line?

Find the slope: Subtract one point from the other (it doesn't matter which one you subtract)

Put the y over the x (rise over run) The slope = 2

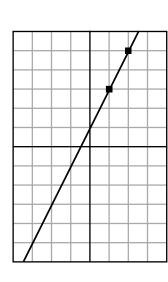
Write the equation with the slope = 2

From the first point: x = 2 and y = 5(Or use the second point: x = 1 and y = 3)

Multiply the slope 2 times (2)

Solve for b: Subtract the the 4 from the b side and subtract 4 from the left side to keep the equation balanced

Write the linear equation with the slope = 2 and b = 1



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(5)	=	2(2)	+	b
5	=	4	+	b
5 4		4 - 4	+	b
1	=			b
У	=	2x	+	1

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