

GRADIENT and y -INTERCEPT

In Gradient-Intercept form (i.e. $y = mx + b$):

- “ m ” is called the “gradient”
- “ b ” is called the “ y -intercept”

The coordinates of the y -intercept are $(0, b)$

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EXAMPLE: for the linear relationship $y = 2x - 7$

the gradient is 2 and the y -intercept is (-7)

More examples:

$y = 2x + 1$ in that case, $m = 2$ and $b = 1$

$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 5$ in that case, $m = -\frac{3}{2}$ and $b = -5$

$z = 25t$ in that case, $m = 25$ and $b = 0$

$y = 4$ in that case, $m = 0$ and $b = 4$