

# Reteaching 2-2

**OBJECTIVE:** Using the slope-intercept form to write equations of lines

**MATERIALS:** None

- The slope-intercept formula is  $y = mx + b$ , where  $m$  represents the slope of the line, and  $b$  represents its  $y$ -intercept. The  $y$ -intercept is the point at which the line crosses the  $y$ -axis.
- The slope of a horizontal line is always zero, and the slope of a vertical line is always undefined.

## Example

Find the equation of the line that contains the point  $(3, -1)$  and has a slope of  $-\frac{4}{3}$ .

$$-1 = \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)(3) + b$$

← To find  $b$ , substitute the values  $-\frac{4}{3}$  for  $m$ , 3 for  $x$ , and  $-1$  for  $y$  into the slope-intercept formula.

$$-1 = -4 + b$$

$$3 = b$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 3$$

← Substitute  $-\frac{4}{3}$  for  $m$  and 3 for  $b$  into the slope-intercept formula.

## Exercises

Write the equation of each line.

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| 1. $m = 4$ ; contains $(3, 2)$    | 2. $m = -2$ ; contains $(4, 7)$  | 3. $m = 0$ ; contains $(3, 0)$    |
| 4. $m = -1$ ; contains $(-5, -2)$ | 5. $m = 3$ ; contains $(-2, -4)$ | 6. $m = 0$ ; contains $(0, -7)$   |
| 7. $m = 8$ ; contains $(5, 0)$    | 8. $m = -1$ ; contains $(0, 7)$  | 9. $m = 0$ ; contains $(3, 8)$    |
| 10. $m = 4$ ; contains $(2, 5)$   | 11. $m = 7$ ; contains $(3, 2)$  | 12. $m = -1$ ; contains $(2, -6)$ |

Write the equation of each line.

