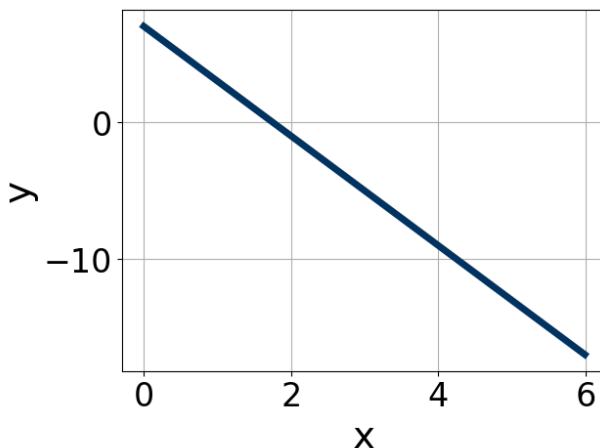


This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found [here](#).

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1. Is the graph below a linear function?



The solution is yes, the graph is linear., which is option A.

- A. Yes, the graph is linear

* Correct! The graph has a constant rate of change and is thus a linear function.

- B. No, the graph is not linear.

A linear function has a constant rate of growth. As x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate. The graph in this example does have a constant rate of change.

General Comment: The equation graphed was $-4(x - 3) - 5$. A linear function has a constant rate of growth. This means that as x increases or decreases, y increase or decreases at the same rate. For example, x^2 is NOT a linear function. As x increases, the y increases faster and faster. From $x = 1$ to $x = 2$, the y increases by 3. From $x = 2$ to $x = 3$, the y increases by 5. From $x = 3$ to $x = 4$, the y increases by 7. A linear function would have the same change in y for any change in x .

2. Is the following relation a function?

x	y
3	-3.46
4	-4.0
5	-4.47
6	-4.9
7	-5.29
8	-5.66
9	-6.0

The solution is Yes, which is option A.

- A. Yes

* Correct! Every x -value has exactly one output.

B. No

For a relation to be a function, every x -value needs exactly one output. That means for a relation to NOT be a function, we would need one x -value that has two or more different outputs.

General Comment: For a relation to be a function, every x -value needs exactly one output.

3. Is the equation below a linear function?

$$f(x) = -5(x - 1) - 2$$

The solution is yes, the graph is linear., which is option A.

A. Yes, the equation is linear

* Correct! The equation is a degree-1 polynomial and is thus a linear function.

B. No, the equation is not linear.

A linear function is a degree-1 polynomial. Polynomial equations have all variables with positive integer exponents.

General Comment: The equation graphed was $-5(x - 1) - 2$. A linear function is a degree-1 polynomial. Polynomial equations have all variables with positive integer exponents, like $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 4$. Square root and cube root functions have rational exponents ($1/2$ and $1/3$).

4. Is the following relation a linear function?

x	y
3	-18
4	-32
5	-50
6	-72
7	-72
6	18
5	32

The solution is No, which is option B.

A. Yes

Notice how one x -value has two separate outputs? For a relation to be a function, every x -value needs exactly one output.

B. No

* Correct! An x -value has two separate outputs and thus this relation is not a function, let alone a linear function.

General Comment: For a relation to be a linear function, every x -value needs exactly one output AND there needs to be a constant rate of growth (as x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate).
