What is Coordinate Geometry?



A system of geometry where the position of points on the plane is described using an ordered pair of numbers.

Founder of Coordinate Geometry





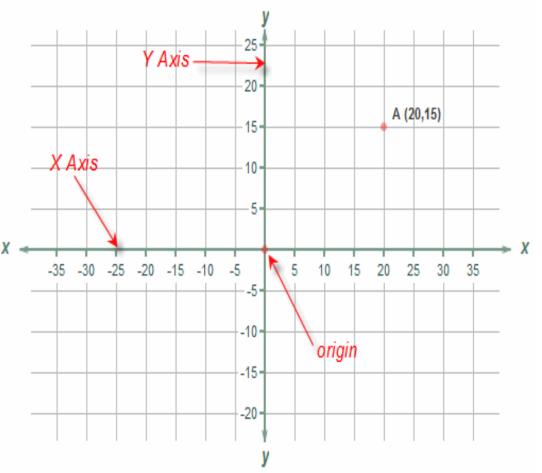
French Mathematician René Descartes (1596 - 1650).

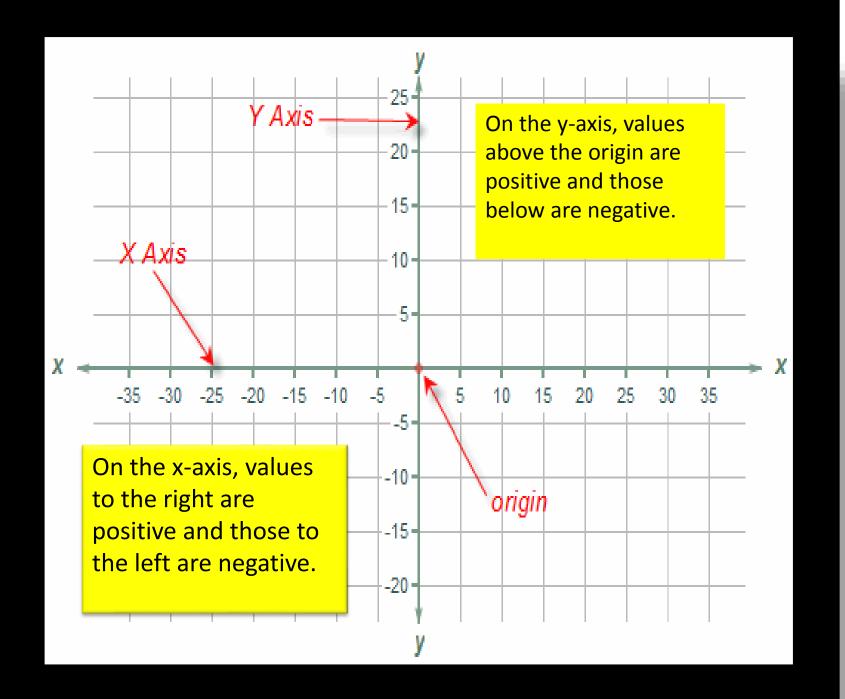


Coordinate Plane

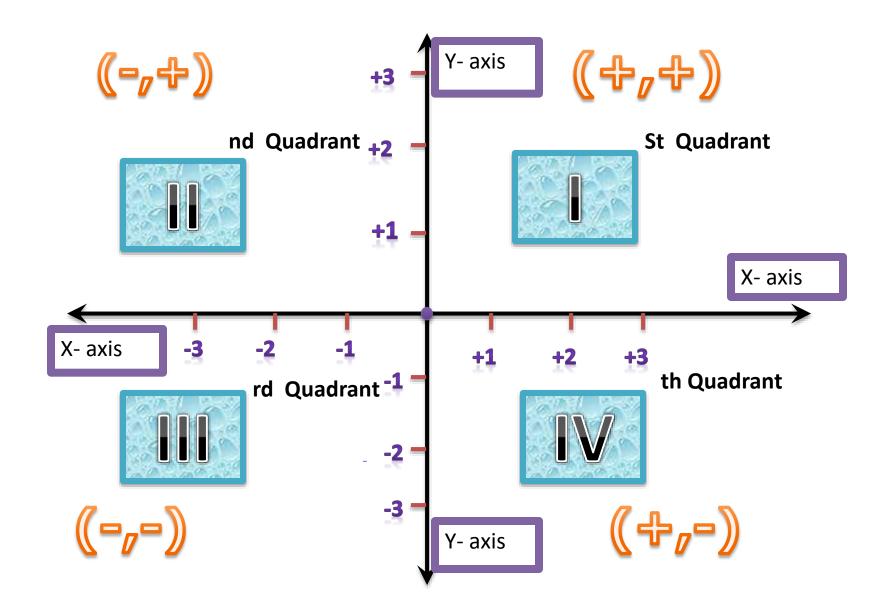
It has two scales - one running across the plane called the "X axis" and another a right angles to it called the "y axis".

The point where the axes cross is called the "Origin" and is where both x and y are zero.

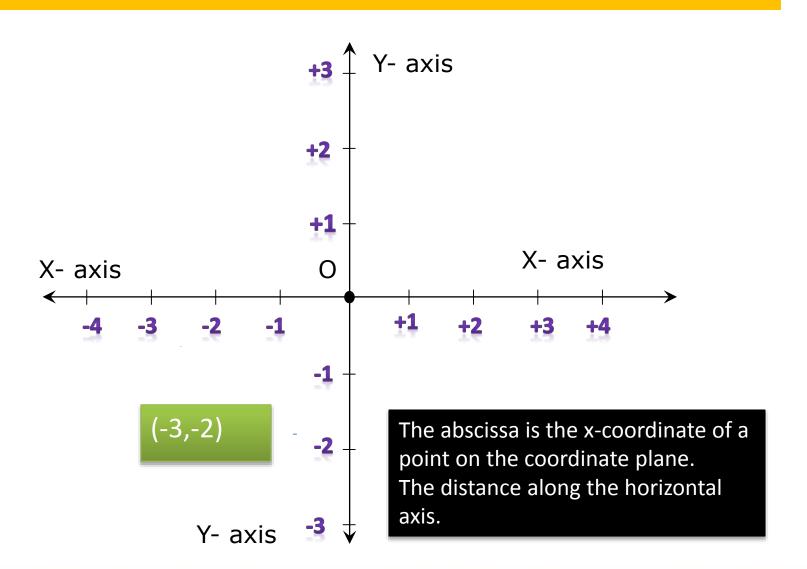




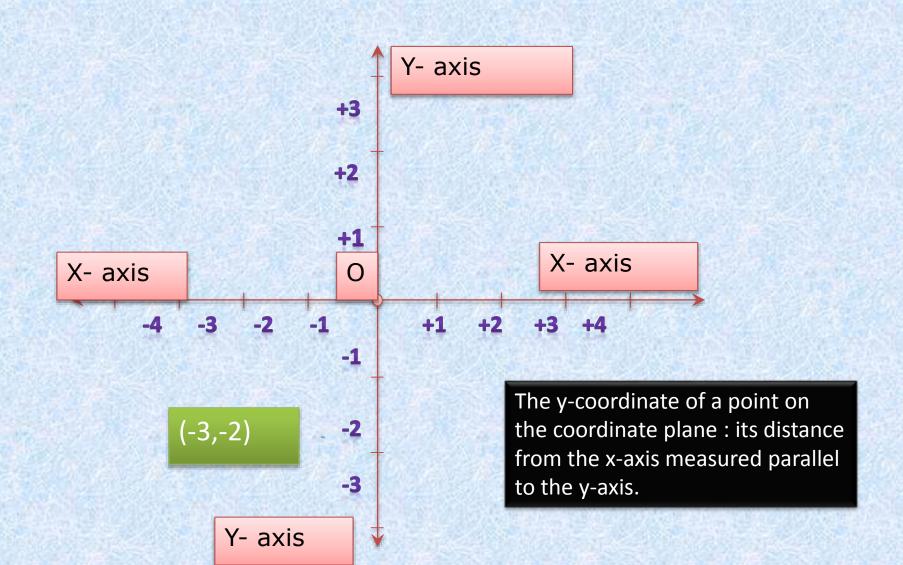
Quadrant



Abscissa

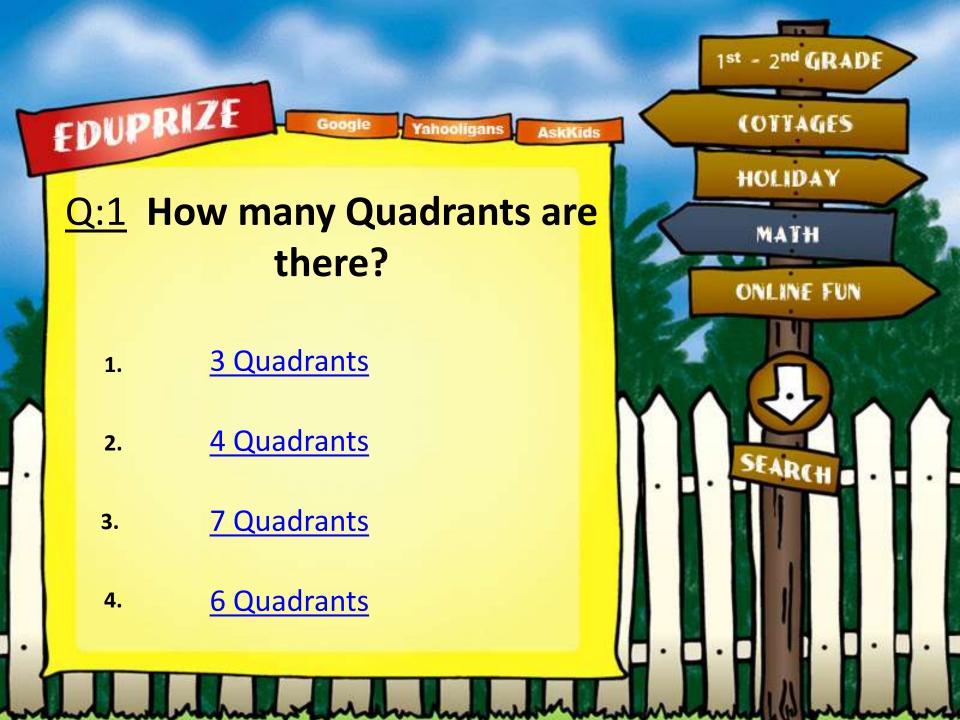


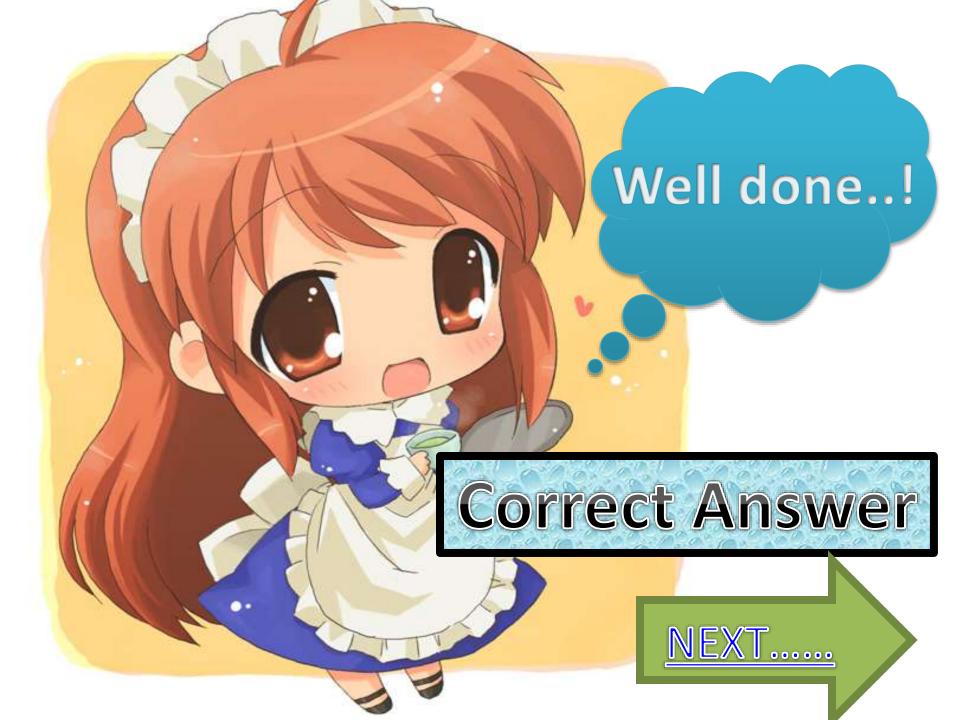
Ordinate



Now....

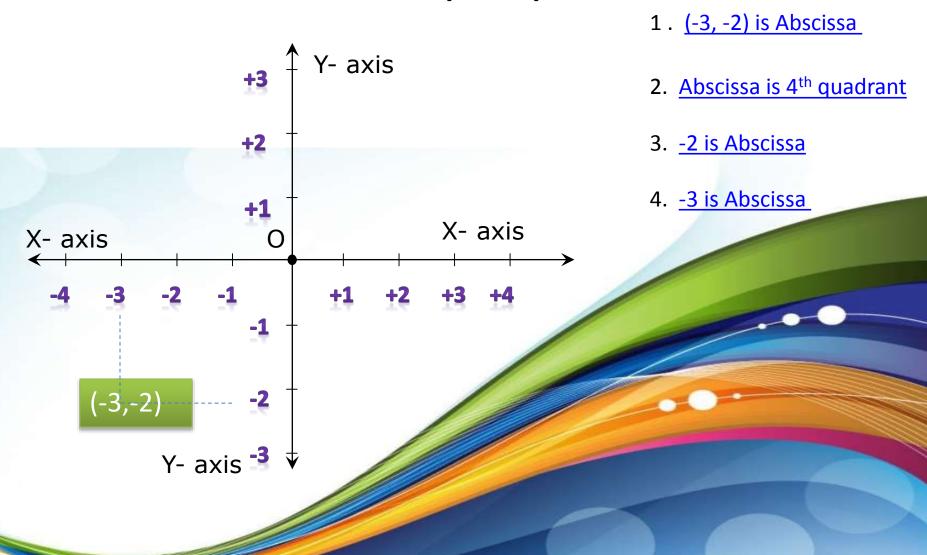
Answer The Following Questions







Q: 5 Find the Abscissa in (-3, -2)





Correct Answer



