

Essential Knowledge	Teaching Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use function machines to find coordinates (i.e. given the input <math>x</math>, find the output <math>y</math>);</li> <li>• Plot and draw graphs of <math>y = a</math>, <math>x = a</math>, <math>y = x</math> and <math>y = -x</math>;</li> <li>• Recognise straight-line graphs parallel to the axes;</li> <li>• Recognise that equations of the form <math>y = mx + c</math> correspond to straight-line graphs in the coordinate plane;</li> <li>• Plot and draw graphs of straight lines of the form <math>y = mx + c</math> using a table of values;</li> <li>• Sketch a graph of a linear function, using the gradient and <math>y</math>-intercept;</li> <li>• Identify and interpret gradient from an equation <math>y = mx + c</math>;</li> <li>• Identify parallel lines from their equations;</li> <li>• Plot and draw graphs of straight lines in the form <math>ax + by = c</math>;</li> <li>• Find the equation of a straight line from a graph;</li> <li>• Find the equation of the line through one point with a given gradient;</li> <li>• Find approximate solutions to a linear equation from a graph;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear presentation of axes is important.</li> <li>• Ensure that you include questions that include axes with negative values to represent, for example, time before present time, temperature or depth below sea level.</li> <li>• Careful annotation should be encouraged: it is good practice to get the students to check that they understand the increments on the axes.</li> <li>• Emphasise the importance of drawing a table of values when not given one.</li> <li>• Values for a table should be taken from the <math>x</math>-axis.</li> <li>• Encourage students to write out set of coordinates from table of values before attempting to draw the graph</li> </ul>
<b>Assumed Prior Knowledge/ Links / Interleaving</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should be able to substitute into a formula</li> <li>• Students should be able to plot coordinates and read scales</li> </ul>	
<b>Potential Barriers to Access / Misconceptions</b>	<b>Opportunities for Reasoning/Problem Solving/Proofs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When not given a table of values, students rarely see the relationship between the coordinate axes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should be able to decide what the scales on any axis should be to be able to draw a correct graph.</li> <li>• Without drawing, explain the key features of the graph <math>y = 2x - 4</math>.</li> <li>• Which of these lines are parallel, how do you know? <math>y = 2x + 3</math>, <math>y = 5x + 3</math>, <math>y = 2x - 9</math>, <math>2y = 4x - 8</math></li> </ul>
<b>Key Mathematical Vocabulary</b>	Linear, graph, distance, time, coordinate, quadrant, real-life graph, gradient, intercept, function, solution, parallel