

PERPENDICULAR LINES HAVE THE:

Opposite Reciprocal Slopes  
(Flip)



Perpendicular Lines are: Two non-vertical lines are perpendicular if and only if the product of their slopes is -1. These are called opposite reciprocals.

SLOPE INTERCEPT FORM:  $y = mx + b$

You must have a Slope and a Y-int.

POINT SLOPE FORM:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

You must have a Point and a Slope.

**EXAMPLES:**

State the slope of the perpendicular line in each of the following equations.

A)  $y = 2x - 6$

$L_1 \perp L_2$   
 $2 \perp -\frac{1}{2}$   
 (with a vertical dotted line below the 2)

B)  $2x - 8y = 16$

$-2x \quad -8y$   
 $\frac{-8y}{-8} = \frac{-2x + 16}{-8}$   
 $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 2$   
 $L_1 \perp L_2$   
 $\frac{1}{4} \perp -\frac{4}{1}$

C) Line that goes through pts:

(2, 1) & (8, 5)

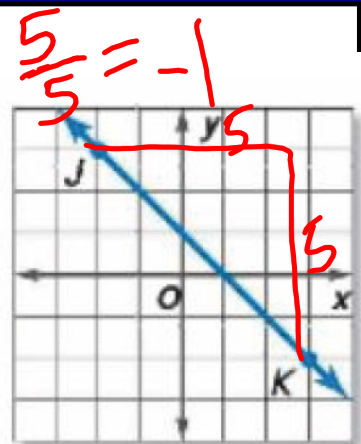
$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{5 - 1}{8 - 2} = \frac{4}{6}$   
 $L_1 \perp L_2$   
 $\frac{2}{3} \perp -\frac{3}{2}$

Example #1 Find the equation of a line perpendicular to the given line but that also passes through point (-2, 1).

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 1 = 1(x - -2)$$

$$y = x + 3$$



$$\frac{L_1}{-1} \perp \frac{L_2}{1}$$

**Example #2** Find the equation of the line perpendicular to

$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 1$  and passes through the point  $(1,3)$

Graph the perpendicular line.

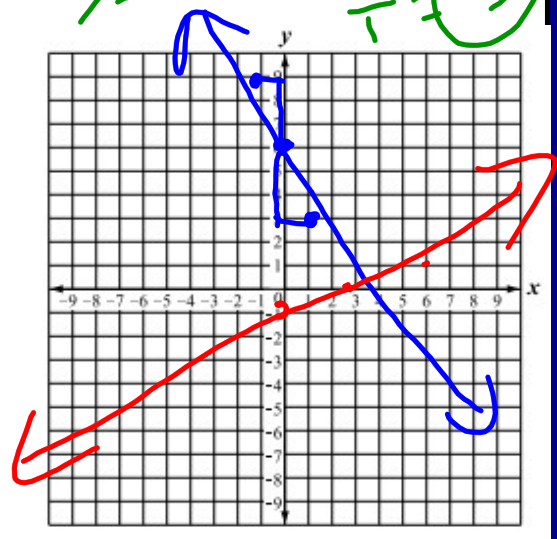
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 3 = -3(x - 1)$$

$$y - 3 = -3x + 3$$

$$y = -3x + 6$$

$\frac{L_1}{\frac{1}{3}} \perp \frac{L_2}{-\frac{3}{1} = -3}$



Example #3 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to  $6x - 3y = 12$  and passes through the point  $(0, 6)$ .

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 6 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 0)$$

$$y - 6 = -\frac{1}{2}x - 0$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6x \quad -6x \\ -3y = \frac{-6x + 12}{-3} \end{array}$$

$$y = 2x - 4$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2}$$