

Function notation

Linear functions

$$f(x) = ax + b \quad \underline{\text{OR}} \quad f: x \rightarrow ax + b \quad \text{OR} \quad y = ax + b$$

Working with functions

- 1) When the value is in the bracket replace the x value in the function with the value in the bracket

Eg. $f(x) = 3x + 2$

$$f(3) = 3(3) + 2$$

$$= 9 + 2$$

$$= 11$$

$$f(3) = 11$$

When $x = 3$ $y = 11$

couple (point) $(3, 11)$

- 2) When the function is equal to a value you must put the function equal to the value and solve for x .

Eg $f(x) = 3x + 2$

$$f(x) = 8 \quad \text{Find } x$$

$$3x + 2 = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l} -2 & 3x = 6 & | -2 \\ \hline \div 3 & x = 2 & \div 3 \end{array}$$

$$f(2) = 8$$

$(2, 8)$ as a couple.

$$x = 2 \quad y = 8$$

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$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$

i) $f(1) = 2(1) - 3$

$$= -1$$

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ii) $f(0) = 2(0) - 3$

$$= -3$$

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iii) $f(2) = 2(2) - 3$

$$= 4 - 3$$

$$= 1$$

$$f(2) = 1$$

iv) $f(-1) = 2(-1) - 3$

$$= -2 - 3$$

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

v) $f(-3) = 2(-3) - 3$

$$= -6 - 3$$

$$f(-3) = -9$$

Q2 $f(x) = x^2 - 3$

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 3$$

$$f(1) = (1)^2 - 3$$

$$= 1 - 3$$

$$f(1) = -2$$

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 3$$

$$= 4 - 3$$

$$f(2) = 1$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 - 3$$

$$= 4 - 3$$

$$f(-2) = 1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3$$
$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 3$$
$$f(0) = -3$$

$$f(1) = (1)^2 - 3$$
$$f(1) = 1 - 3$$
$$f(1) = -2$$

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 3$$
$$f(2) = 4 - 3$$
$$f(2) = 1$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 - 3$$
$$f(-2) = 4 - 3$$
$$f(-2) = 1$$

$$f(-4) = (-4)^2 - 3$$
$$16 - 3$$
$$-4x - 4 = +16$$

$$f(-4) = 13$$

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

$$f(x) = 8$$

$$f(x) = 3$$

$$f(k) = -12$$

$$5x - 2 = 8$$

$$5x - 2 = 3$$

$$5k - 2 = -12$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +2 \\ \hline 5x = 10 \\ \hline \div 5 \\ x = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +2 \\ \hline 5x = 5 \\ \hline \div 5 \\ x = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +2 \\ \hline 5k = -10 \\ \hline \div 5 \\ k = -2 \end{array}$$

$$f(2) = 8$$

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