## How to Graph Linear Equations

1. Make sure the linear equation is in the form: $\boldsymbol{y}=\boldsymbol{m x} \boldsymbol{+} \boldsymbol{b}$
2. Plot the number $\boldsymbol{b}$ on the Y -axis
3. Convert $\boldsymbol{m}$ into a fraction
4. Start extending the line
from $\boldsymbol{b}$ using the slope, or rise over run
5. After 3 or more points, use a ruler and draw the line.


## How to Graph Absolute Values

1. Make sure the equation is in the form:

$$
y=a|x-h|+k
$$

2. Plot the vertex ( $\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{k}$ )
3. Convert a into a fraction
4. Start extending the right side of the line from the vertex using the slope $a$, or rise over run
5. Go back to the vertex and extend the left side using the slope a or rise over
 run.

## How to Graph Parabolas

1. Make sure the equation is in the form: $y=a(x-h)^{2}+k$
2. Plot the vertex (h, $\boldsymbol{k})$
3. The changing slopes of the parabola are a multiplied by ( $1,3,5 \ldots$ )
4. Start extending the right side of the parabola from the vertex using the slopes a times (1, 3, 5..)
5. Go back to the vertex and extend the
 left side using the same slopes a times (1, 3, 5..), then draw a smooth curve to create the parabola.

## How to Graph Circles

1. Make sure the equation is in the form: $(x-h)^{2}+(y-k)^{2}=r^{2}$
2. Plot the circle's center ( $\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{k}$ )
3. Find the square root of $\boldsymbol{r}^{2}$
4. Start by plotting a point $r$ units to the right, then $r$ units to the left
5. Go back to the center and plot points $r$ units above and $r$ units below, then draw the circle.


## How to Graph Cubic Functions

1. Make sure the equation is in the form:

$$
y=a(x-h)^{3}+k
$$

2. Plot the point of symmetry (h, $\boldsymbol{k}$ )
3. Find the right reference point

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(-1+h,-a+k) \text { or }(-b+h,-a+k)
$$

4. Find the left reference point $(1+h, a+k)$ or $(b+h,-a+k)$
5. Make a smooth curve about the reference points, then extend the left
 side and right side using a ruler.
