

Lesson #6.1: The Coordinate Plane

Learning Goal: We are learning how to use the coordinate grid system.

In this chapter and the next, we will learn a lot of new vocabulary. You need to become intimate with these words, so let's first define them, then draw/label them!

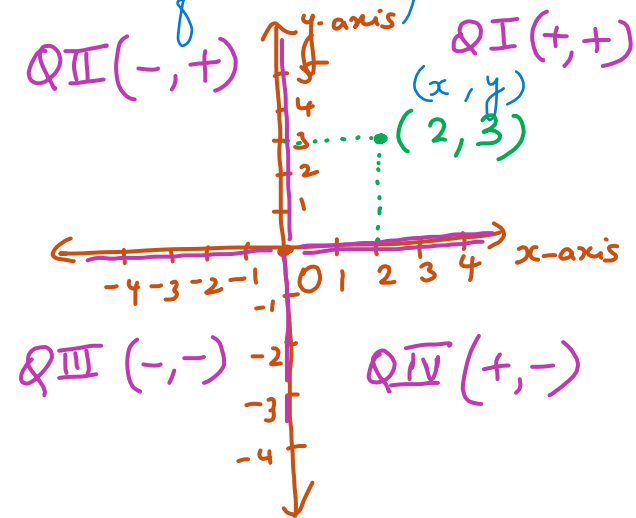
Coordinate Plane

CARTESIAN PLANE: It is a grid formed by two number lines placed perpendicular to each other, thus, helping us to define the position of every point on the plane by a set of ordered pair.

Quadrants → 4 sections in the coordinate plane created by the two perpendicular number lines.

x-axis → Horizontal Number line in the Cartesian plane

y-axis → Vertical Number line in the Cartesian plane.



x-coordinate → H. distance of the point from the vertical line (y-axis)

y-coordinate → V. distance of the point from the x-axis.

Ordered Pair → $P(x, y)$

Origin → The point at which x-axis and y-axis meet.
Coordinates of origin always $(0, 0)$

Example 1: Graph the following points on the given grid.

x y
A (3, 4)

B (-1, 4)

C (4, -2)

D (-5, -4)

E (2, 5)

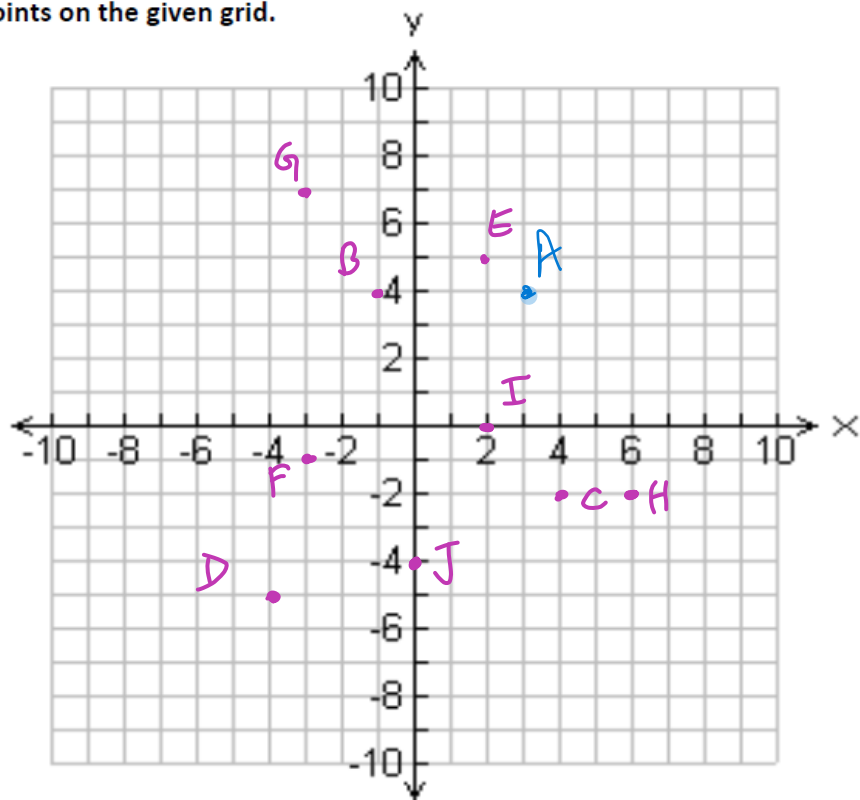
F (-3, -1)

G (-3, 7)

H (6, -2)

I (2, 0)

J (0, -4)



Example 2: Calculate the area of a triangle with vertices at A(-5,-3), B(3,-3), and C(3,8)

$$ar(\Delta) = \frac{bh}{2}$$

Step 1: Plot the points and connect the points to form a triangle

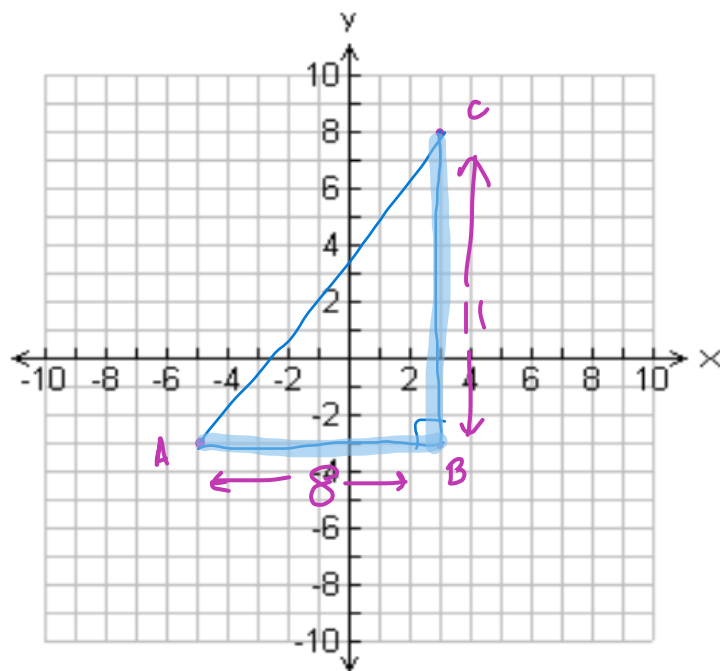
Step 2: Find the length of the base and height

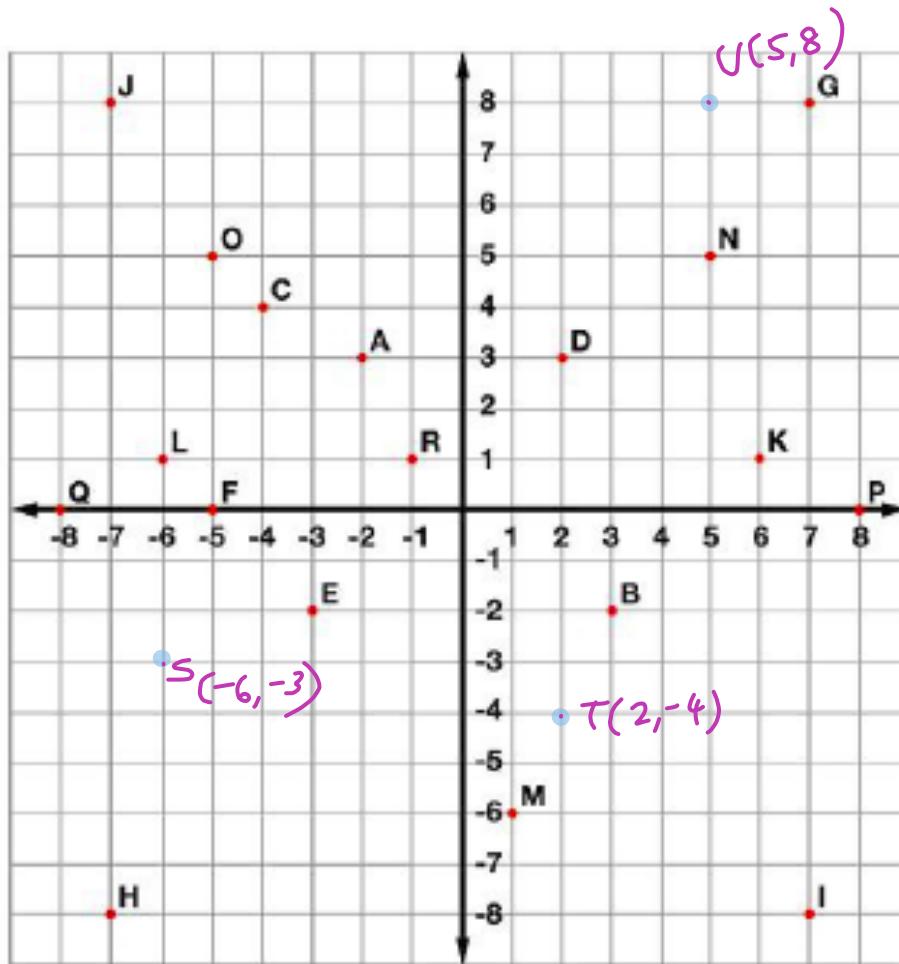
$$b = 8; h = 11$$

$$\therefore ar(\Delta) = \frac{(8)(11)}{2}$$

$$= 44 \text{ sq. units}$$

Step 3: Calculate the area





Tell what point is located at each ordered pair.

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| 1. $(3, -2)$ <u>B</u> | 2. $(2, 3)$ <u>D</u> | 3. $(-5, 5)$ <u>O</u> |
| 4. $(-7, -8)$ <u>H</u> | 5. $(-4, 4)$ <u>C</u> | 6. $(-5, 0)$ <u>F</u> |

Write the ordered pair for each given point.

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| 7. E <u>$(-3, -2)$</u> | 8. M <u>$(1, -6)$</u> | 9. P <u>$(8, 0)$</u> |
| 10. G <u>$(7, 8)$</u> | 11. Q <u>$(-8, 0)$</u> | 12. N <u>$(5, 5)$</u> |

Plot the following points on the coordinate grid.

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| 13. S $(-6, -3)$ | 14. T $(2, -4)$ | 15. U $(5, 8)$ |
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Success Criteria:

- I can define the important key terms that are used in the coordinate grid system
- I can tell the difference between the "x" and "y" coordinates in an ordered pair
- I can find an ordered pair on a coordinate grid

Build your Skills: :)

1. If the point $(3, a)$ lies on the graph of the linear relation described by the equation $y = 9 - 4x$, determine the value of a .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a &= 9 - 4(3) \\ \Rightarrow a &= 9 - 12 \\ \Rightarrow a &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

2. If the ordered pair $(k, 15.3)$ satisfies the equation $y = 4.5x - 16.2$, determine the value of k .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 15.3 &= 4.5k - 16.2 \\ \Rightarrow 15.3 + 16.2 &= 4.5k \\ \Rightarrow 31.5 &= 4.5k \end{aligned}$$

$$7 = k$$

3. The equation $h = -5t^2 + 6t + 1.5$ represents the approximate height of an apple that has been tossed into the air. The height, h , is measured in metres and the amount of time since the apple has been thrown, t , is measured in seconds.



$$h = -5t^2 + 6t + 1.5$$

- a) Does the point $(0, 1.5)$ satisfy the given equation? Explain.

Left side: $h = 1.5$ Right side: $-5(0)^2 + 6(0) + 1.5 = 0 + 0 + 1.5 = 1.5$

Yes! It satisfies the equation because left = right.

- b) Explain the meaning of the ordered pair $(0, 1.5)$ in the context of the given situation.

In the context of the given situation, $h = 1.5$ m at $t = 0$ sec.
i.e. The height of the apple before it was thrown was 1.5 m.

- c) Determine the height of the apple one second after it has been tossed.

$$\begin{aligned} h &= -5(1)^2 + 6(1) + 1.5 \\ h &= -5 + 6 + 1.5 = 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

∴ After 1 sec, the height of the apple is 2.5 m.

- d) Express the result from part (c) as an ordered pair.

$$(t, h) = (1, 2.5)$$

4. The diagram on the right shows the total number of views for two different videos over a period of one week.

- a) State the coordinates of the point at which the two lines intersect.

$$(3, 3500)$$

- b) Explain the meaning of the point of intersection.

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