

Unit 4.4 - Matching Equations  
and Graphs

**Remember :**

- when  $x$  is constant, line is vertical
- when  $y$  is constant, line is horizontal
- if equation is of the form:

$$x + y = \text{number}$$

your line  
is oblique / or \

- Solve for 1 variable
- Make a Table of values

In this sub-unit, you will match graphs to equations.

**IMPORTANT:** You MUST always ISOLATE a variable - THAT is, IT SHOULD END-UP BY ITSELF on one side of THE EQUATION

Look at page 184

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$$y = 3x + 3$$

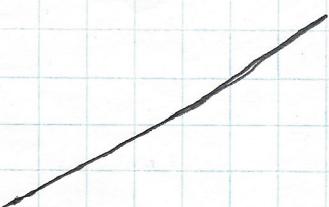
Make a Table of values

$x$	$y$	
0	3	$(0, 3)$ $3(0) + 3 = 3$
1	6	$(1, 6)$ $3(1) + 3 = 6$
2	9	$(2, 9)$ $3(2) + 3 = 9$
3	12	$(3, 12)$ $3(3) + 3 = 12$

Now, see which graph has those points.

You will see that graph C has a line that passes through those coordinates!

Notice that as  $x$  increases,  $y$  increases. So your graph must look:



$$x + y = 3$$

In this case, no variables are isolated.

- First solve (isolate) for a variable (let's choose  $x$ )

$$x + y - y = 3 - y \Rightarrow \text{so } x = 3 - y$$

- Now, make a table of values:

	$x$	$y$
(3, 0)	3	0
(2, 1)	2	1
(1, 2)	1	2
(0, 3)	0	3

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 - (0) = 3 \\ 3 - (1) &= 2 \\ 3 - (2) &= 1 \\ 3 - (3) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Notice how your  $x$  values increase, but your  $y$  values decrease. Therefore your graph must be a line with negative slope:



Then, graph A is

$$y = 3x - 3$$

- Now match your coordinates to the graphs to see which one matches correctly.

	$x$	$y$
(0, -3)	0	-3
(1, 0)	1	0
(2, 3)	2	3
(3, 6)	3	6

Notice how  $x$ -values increase, as well as  $y$ -values.

Therefore my graph should be a line with positive slope



- The graph that has a line going through the coordinates above is

Graph B.

After you understood the concepts previous, do:

- Example # 1 , page 186
- Example # 2 , page 186

You can get started with your homework:

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