

Rewrite equation into Slope-Intercept Form Cue Card – with examples

GOAL: Get equation into Slope-Intercept Form: $y = mx + b$

General Rules:	
Step 1:	Is there an x-term or constant on the same side as y?
	Yes; use inverse operations to undo the x-term or constant & go to Step 2 “NO”
Step 2:	Is the equation arranged in the general format of “$y = mx + b$”?
	Yes; Move to step 3
Step 3:	Does y have a coefficient of POSITIVE 1?
	Yes; you are done rearranging

Examples:

Ex 1.

<p>Step 1: Is there an x-term or constant on the same side as y?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; Use inverse operations to undo/go to S2 “NO”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Move to step 2</p>	$\begin{array}{r} -3 + y = 6x \\ + 3 \qquad + 3 \\ \hline y = 6x + 3 \end{array}$
<p>Step 2: Is the equation arranged in the general format of “$y = mx + b$”?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Move to step 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Arrange the terms to be in the general form “$y = mx + b$” (KEEP THE SIGN IN FRONT WITH THE TERM)</p>	
<p>Step 3: Does y have a coefficient of positive 1?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; You are done rearranging</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Divide all terms by the coefficient and rewrite.</p>	

Ex 2.

<p>Step 1: Is there an x-term or constant on the same side as y?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Use inverse operations to undo/go to S2 “NO”</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Move to step 2</p>	$\begin{array}{r} -y = -4x + 4 \\ -1 \qquad -1 \qquad -1 \\ \hline y = 4x - 4 \end{array}$
<p>Step 2: Is the equation arranged in the general format of “$y = mx + b$”?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; Move to step 3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Arrange the terms to be in the form “$y = mx + b$” (KEEP THE SIGN IN FRONT WITH THE TERM)</p>	
<p>Step 3: Does y have a coefficient of positive 1?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; You are done rearranging</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Divide all terms by the coefficient and rewrite.</p>	

Ex 3.

<p>Step 1: Is there an x-term or constant on the same side as y?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; Use inverse operations to undo/go to S2 "NO"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Move to step 2</p>	$-12 = -3x + 2y$ $+ 3x \quad + 3x$ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
<p>Step 2: Is the equation arranged in the general format of "y = mx + b"?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Move to step 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Arrange the terms to be in the form "y = mx+b" (KEEP THE SIGN IN FRONT WITH THE TERM)</p>	$\frac{2y = 3x - 12}{2 \quad 2 \quad 2}$
<p>Step 3: Does y have a coefficient of positive 1?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; You are done rearranging</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Divide all terms by the coefficient and rewrite. (Keep as a fraction and simplify or for real world problem a decimal up to 2 places to right)</p>	$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 6$

Ex 4.

<p>Step 1: Is there an x-term or constant on the same side as y?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Use inverse operations to undo/go to S2 "NO"</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Move to step 2</p>	$-2y = 2 - 4x$
<p>Step 2: Is the equation arranged in the general format of "y = mx + b"?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Move to step 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Arrange the terms to be in the form "y = mx+b" (KEEP THE SIGN IN FRONT WITH THE TERM)</p>	$\frac{-2y = -4x + 2}{-2 \quad -2 \quad -2}$
<p>Step 3: Does y have a coefficient of positive 1?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes; You are done rearranging</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; Divide all terms by the coefficient and rewrite. (Keep as a fraction and simplify or for real world problem a decimal up to 2 places to right)</p>	$y = 2x - 1$

Ex 5: You may need to distribute or combine like terms before starting to rearrange.

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<p>Step 2: Is the equation arranged in the general format of "y = mx + b"?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; Move to step 3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Arrange the terms to be in the form "y = mx+b" (KEEP THE SIGN IN FRONT WITH THE TERM)</p>	$y - 2 = 7x - 70$ $+ 2 \quad + 2$ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
<p>Step 3: Does y have a coefficient of positive 1?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes; You are done rearranging</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No; Divide all terms by the coefficient and rewrite. (Keep as a fraction and simplify or for real world problem a decimal up to 2 places to right)</p>	$y = 7x - 68$