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## Section 4-1 Quadratic Functions and Transformations

**Learning Goal:** To understand how to identify and graph quadratic functions.

**Essential Questions:** What are the advantages of a quadratic function in vertex form?  
What are the advantages of a quadratic function in standard form?  
How is any quadratic function related to the parent function of  $y = x^2$ ?  
How are the real solutions of a quadratic equation related to the graph of the related quadratic function?

**Warm Up:**

Solve.

1.  $\frac{x+2}{4} = \frac{2x-1}{3}$

2.  $3 - (4x - 2) = 6x$

3. Simplify the expression:  $3[2(x - 3) + 2] + 5(x - 3)$

4. Solve the inequality:  $2 < 10 - 4d < 6$

## Vocabulary:

**Quadratic Function** – Is an equation that can be written in the form,  
 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a \neq 0$ .

**Parabola** – a graph of a quadratic function; a “U” shaped graph.

**Parent Function of a quadratic** –  $f(x) = x^2$

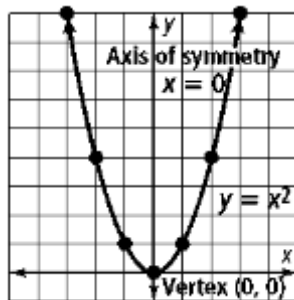
**Vertex form of a quadratic** –  $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ , where  $a \neq 0$ .

**Axis of Symmetry** – is a line that divides the parabola into two mirror images.

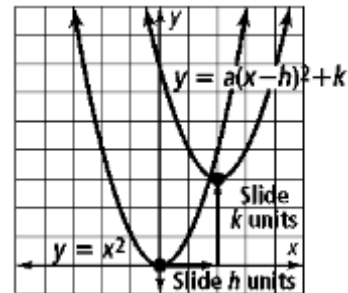
**Equation of the axis of symmetry** –  $x = h$

**Vertex of the parabola** – is the point  $(h, k)$ . (*note: the intersection of the parabola and its axis of symmetry*)

Ex:  $f(x) = x^2$



Ex:  $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ ,



In both the parent function and vertex form, the “a” tells you information about the parabola.

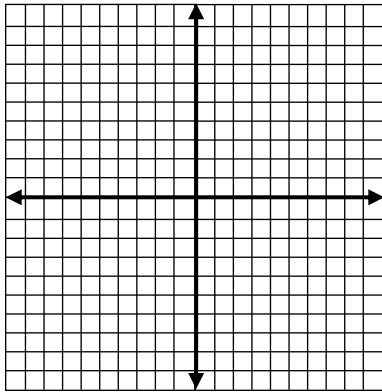
If “a” is positive ( $a > 0$ ) the parabola opens up and the y-coordinate of the vertex is the minimum value.  
If “a” is negative ( $a < 0$ ) the parabola opens down the y-coordinate of the vertex is the maximum value.

**Reflection:**  $a$  and  $-a$  (opens up or down)  
**Stretch:**  $a > 1$  (moves the y value higher as if the parabola were stretched up)  
**Compression:**  $0 < a < 1$  (the parabola is shrinking)

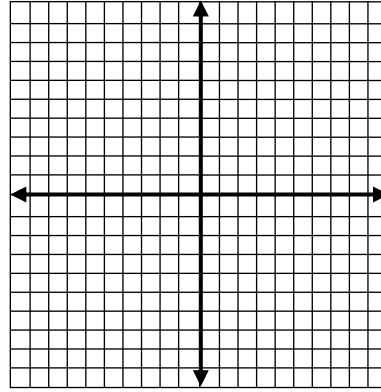
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Graph each function. How is the each graph a translation of  $f(x) = x^2$  ?

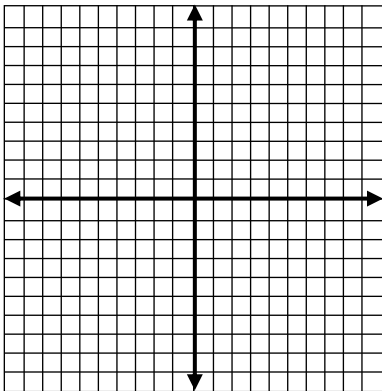
1.  $f(x) = x^2 - 3$



2.  $g(x) = (x+1)^2$



3.  $h(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^2$



### 1-3-5 method for graphing a quadratic equation:

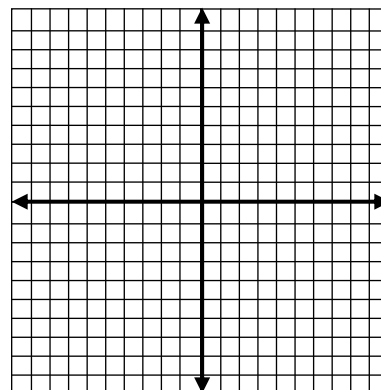
1. Identify the "a" of the equation
2. Multiply the "a" by 1,3,5 always put your solution over 1
3. Graph: start at the vertex and move top number up/down and bottom number left/right.

Example:  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4$

1.  $a = 2$

2.  $2(1, 3, 5)$        $2, 6, 10$   
 $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{6}{1}, \frac{10}{1}$

3. Vertex is (h, k) or (0, -4)



### Interpreting Vertex Form:

For  $y = 3(x - 4)^2 - 2$ , what are the vertex, the axis of symmetry, the maximum or minimum value, the domain and range?

1. Compare:  $y = 3(x - 4)^2 - 2$   
 $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$
2. The vertex is  $(h, k) = (4, -2)$ .
3. The axis of symmetry is  $x = h$ , or  $x = 4$ .
4. Since  $a > 0$ , the parabola opens upward.  $k = -2$  is the minimum value.
5. Domain: All real numbers. There is no restriction on the value of  $x$ .  
Range: All real numbers  $\geq -2$ , since the minimum value of the function is  $-2$ .

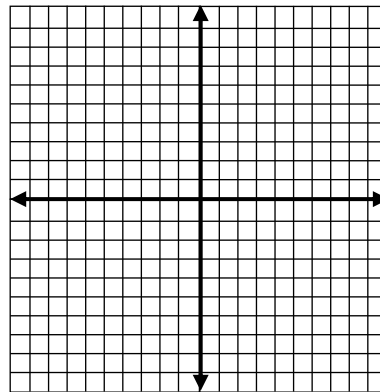
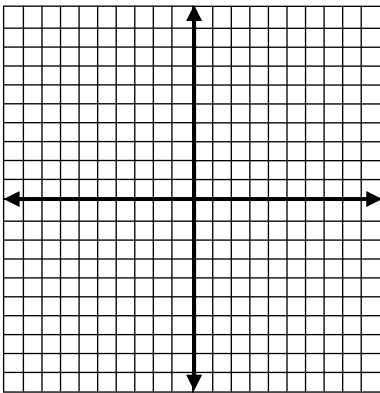
You Try:

4. For,  $y = 2(x + 3)^2 + 2$  what are the vertex, the axis of symmetry, the maximum or minimum value, the domain and range?

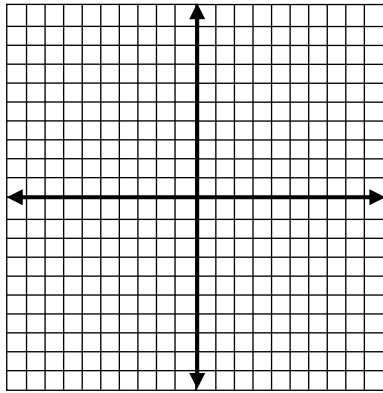
Graph each function. How is the each graph a translation of  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$  ?

5.  $y = (x + 4)^2 - 2$

6.  $y = -2(x - 1)^2 + 3$



7.  $y = \frac{1}{2} (x + 6)^2 - 2$



8. Write an equation in vertex form for a quadratic with maximum  $y=7$ ; axis of symmetry of  $x = -3$ , and is stretched. Then state the vertex, domain and range of the function.

Closure: How can you use a quadratic function written in vertex form to describe the graph of the parabola?

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Assignment: section 4.1 # 8,9,15,18,23,24,26,31,32,35,37,38,39,40,49(15 problems)