5.3 Function Notation For use with Exploration 3.3

Essential Question How can you use function notation to represent a function?



Work with a partner. Match each function with its graph.

a.
$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$

b. $g(x) = -x + 2$

c.
$$h(x) = x^2 - 1$$

d. $j(x) = 2x^2 - 3$





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3.3 Function Notation (continued)

EXPLORATION: Evaluating a Function

Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Consider the function

$$f(x) = -x + 3.$$

Locate the points (x, f(x)) on the graph.

Explain how you found each point.

a.
$$(-1, f(-1))$$



b. (0, f(0))

c. (1, f(1))

d. (2, f(2))

Communicate Your Answer

3. How can you use function notation to represent a function? How are standard notation and function notation similar? How are they different?

Standard Notation	Function Notation
y = 2x + 5	f(x) = 2x + 5



In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

function notation

Notes:

3.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–6, evaluate the function when x = -4, 0, and 2.

- **1.** f(x) = -x + 4 **2.** g(x) = 5x **3.** h(x) = 7 2x
- **4.** s(x) = 12 0.25x **5.** t(x) = 6 + 3x 2 **6.** u(x) = -2 2x + 7
- 7. Let n(t) be the number of DVDs you have in your collection after t trips to the video store. Explain the meaning of each statement.

a.
$$n(0) = 8$$
 b. $n(3) = 14$

c.
$$n(5) > n(3)$$
 d. $n(7) - n(2) = 10$

In Exercises 8–11, find the value of *x* so that the function has the given value.

8.
$$b(x) = -3x + 1$$
; $b(x) = -20$
9. $r(x) = 4x - 3$; $r(x) = 33$

10.
$$m(x) = -\frac{3}{5}x - 4; m(x) = 2$$

11. $w(x) = \frac{5}{6}x - 3; w(x) = -18$

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3.3 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 12 and 13, graph the linear function.

12. $s(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$

x	-4	-2	0	2	4
s(x)					



13. t(x) = 1 - 2x

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
t(x)					



14. The function B(m) = 50m + 150 represents the balance (in dollars) in your savings account after *m* months. The table shows the balance in your friend's savings account. Who has the better savings plan? Explain.

Month	Balance
2	\$330
4	\$410
6	\$490