

# Vermont SBAC Algebra 1 Summer Workbook

*8 Weeks of Practice, Mixed Review & Answer Explanations*

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# Algebra 1 Summer Workbook



**This workbook keeps Algebra 1 skills active during summer with a steady routine students can actually finish.**

Each week moves from four focused practice days to one mixed review day. Students revisit equations, functions, graphs, systems, polynomials, quadratics, exponentials, statistics, and modeling with short Quick Reviews and teaching answer explanations.



## **For families and teachers**

Use one workbook page per day, about 15–20 minutes. Let students try first, then use explanations as the teaching step after missed or uncertain problems.

## **For students**

Show your algebra, label graphs, and correct missed problems in pencil. The goal is to start the next course with Algebra 1 feeling familiar.

# How to Use This Workbook

## The page order is the plan.

Move through the workbook one day at a time. Each week has four focused practice days and one mixed review day, so students practice both the skill and the decision-making needed to choose a method.



**Practice days** Read the Quick Review, study the example, and complete each workbook section with organized algebra steps.

**Mixed review day** Work through the Friday mixed review without looking back at the lesson title first. Choose the method from the problem.

**Check answers** Read the explanation for every missed, guessed, or confusing problem. Correct the work before moving on.

**Extra support** If a skill still feels shaky, redo one similar problem the next day before starting the new page.



### Keep it short

Most pages should take about 15–20 minutes. Stop before practice turns into guessing.



### Show thinking

Use equations, substitutions, graph labels, tables, or short explanations when a problem needs reasoning.



### Fix mistakes

A corrected mistake is useful review. The answer key is written to reteach, not only to score.

# ✓ My Summer Workbook Progress

Check off each practice day and write your Friday mixed review score.

This workbook belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Mixed Review
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## Reflection Notes

After any mixed review, write the question number, what you noticed, and one comment that will help you next time. Use this space for problems you missed, guessed on, or want to remember.

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# Algebra 1 Reference Sheet



High-yield formulas and rules for summer review

## Real Numbers

Natural: 1, 2, 3, ...

Whole: 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

Integers: ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...

Rational: fractions; decimals terminate or repeat.

Irrational: decimals do not terminate or repeat.

$\sqrt{\text{perfect square}}$  is rational.

## Properties

Commutative:  $a + b = b + a$ ,  $ab = ba$

Associative:  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

Distributive:  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

Identity:  $a + 0 = a$ ,  $a \cdot 1 = a$

Inverse:  $a + (-a) = 0$ ,  $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$

Like terms have matching variable parts.

## Exponents

$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$

$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$

$a^0 = 1$  for  $a \neq 0$

$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$

## Radicals

$\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}$

$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$

Simplify by factoring out perfect squares.

$\sqrt{50} = \sqrt{25 \cdot 2} = 5\sqrt{2}$

For real even roots, the radicand is nonnegative.

Check whether the final form is exact or decimal.

## Equations

Use inverse operations on both sides.

Clear fractions by multiplying by the LCD.

Distribute before combining like terms.

Variables on both sides: move variables first.

Identity: true statement, infinitely many solutions.

Contradiction: false statement, no solution.

## Inequalities

Solve like equations.

Flip the sign when multiplying or dividing by a negative.

$x < a$ : open circle, shade left.

$x \geq a$ : closed circle, shade right.

Compound AND: overlap.

Compound OR: union of two parts.

## Functions

Function: each input has exactly one output.

Domain = allowed inputs.

Range = possible outputs.

$f(a)$  means substitute  $a$  for  $x$ .

Rate of change:  $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

Vertical line test checks graphs.

## Linear

Slope:  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Slope-intercept:  $y = mx + b$

Point-slope:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

Standard:  $Ax + By = C$

Parallel lines have the same slope.

Perpendicular:  $m_1 m_2 = -1$

## Systems

Solutions are intersections.

Substitution: solve one equation, plug in.

Elimination: align terms, add or subtract.

One solution: different slopes.

No solution: parallel lines.

Infinitely many: same line.

## Polynomials

Add/subtract by combining like terms.

Multiply monomials: multiply coefficients, add exponents.

FOIL works for binomials.

Degree = greatest exponent.

Standard form orders powers from greatest to least.

Leading coefficient controls end behavior with degree.

## Factoring

GCF first.

Difference of squares:  $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$

Perfect square:  $a^2 \pm 2ab + b^2 = (a \pm b)^2$

$x^2 + bx + c$ : numbers multiply to  $c$ , add to  $b$ .

$ax^2 + bx + c$ : numbers multiply to  $ac$ , add to  $b$ .

Zero product: if  $ab = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

## Quadratics

Standard:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Vertex:  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

Factored:  $y = a(x - r_1)(x - r_2)$

Axis:  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

Formula:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Discriminant:  $b^2 - 4ac$

## Exponential

Model:  $y = ab^x$

$a$  = initial value.

Growth:  $b > 1$ .

Decay:  $0 < b < 1$ .

Percent growth:  $b = 1 + r$ .

Percent decay:  $b = 1 - r$ .

## Sequences

Arithmetic: add common difference  $d$ .

$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$

Geometric: multiply common ratio  $r$ .

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

Recursive rules need a starting value.



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*Your 8-week summer review plan*

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*A little review each day keeps math fresh!*



WEEK 1

# Foundations and Equations

Sample workbook pages from the full 8-week practice plan.

## In This Week

<b>Day 1</b>	<i>The Real Number System and Properties</i>
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## Day 1 The Real Number System and Properties

### SKILL SNAPSHOT

Real numbers split into two main groups: rational numbers and irrational numbers. Rational numbers can be written as ratios of integers; irrational numbers cannot.

Set	What belongs there?
$\mathbb{N}$	Natural numbers: 1, 2, 3, ...
$\mathbb{W}$	Whole numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, ...
$\mathbb{Z}$	Integers: ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...
$\mathbb{Q}$	Rational numbers: fractions, integers, terminating decimals, repeating decimals
Irrational	Nonrepeating, nonterminating decimals such as $\sqrt{2}$ and $\pi$

- ✓ The rational sets nest like this:  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{W} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ .
- ✓ A square root is rational when the radicand is a perfect square.
- ✓ Properties name legal moves: commutative changes order, associative changes grouping, and distributive multiplies across parentheses.
- ✓ Combine like terms only when the variable parts match exactly.

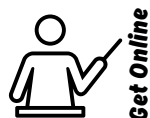
**Remember:** Classify a number after simplifying it. For example,  $-\sqrt{49} = -7$ , so it is an integer, rational, and real.

### ☰ Classify real numbers.

- 1 List every real-number set that  $-\sqrt{64}$  belongs to. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 List every real-number set that  $\sqrt{25}$  belongs to. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Is  $0.\overline{27}$  rational or irrational?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Is  $\sqrt{45}$  rational or irrational?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Which number is irrational?  

<b>A.</b> $\sqrt{36}$ <b>C.</b> 0.125	<b>B.</b> $-\frac{11}{4}$ <b>D.</b> $\sqrt{28}$
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- 6 True or False: Every integer is a rational number.

True  False



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**☰ Use properties of real numbers.**

7 Name the property:  $9 + 4 = 4 + 9$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_

8 Name the property:  
 $(2x + 5) + 7 = 2x + (5 + 7)$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_

9 Name the property:  $6(3y - 2) = 18y - 12$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_

10 Expand  $-5(2a - 7)$ . \_\_\_\_\_

11 Simplify  $8x - 3 + 5x + 11$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_

12 Simplify  $4(2m + 1) - 3m$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_

**☰ Connect classification and properties.**

13 Complete the table by writing rational or irrational for each expression.

Expression	$\sqrt{81}$	$\pi + 2$	$\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{2}}$
Type	_____	_____	_____

14 A student says, " $\sqrt{50}$  is rational because 50 is a whole number." Is the student correct? Explain.

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## Day 2 Laws of Exponents

### SKILL SNAPSHOT

Exponent rules rewrite powers without changing their value. The rule you use depends on the operation and whether the bases match.

Operation	Rule	Example
Multiply same base	$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$	$x^3 x^5 = x^8$
Divide same base	$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$	$\frac{y^7}{y^2} = y^5$
Power of a power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$(z^4)^3 = z^{12}$
Negative exponent	$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$	$5^{-2} = \frac{1}{25}$

- ✓ A zero exponent gives 1 when the base is not 0.
- ✓ An outside exponent applies to every factor inside parentheses.
- ✓ Coefficients use ordinary arithmetic; variables use exponent rules.
- ✓ Final answers are usually written with positive exponents.

**Remember:** Do not combine exponents unless the bases match. For example,  $x^3 y^3$  is not the same as  $(xy)^6$ .

### ☰ Use product, quotient, and power rules.

- 1 Simplify  $x^6 \cdot x^{-2}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Simplify  $a^3 \cdot a^5 \cdot a^{-1}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Simplify  $\frac{m^9}{m^4}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Simplify  $\frac{p^2}{p^7}$  using positive exponents.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Simplify  $(r^4)^3$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Simplify  $(2x^3)^2$ . \_\_\_\_\_

### ☰ Simplify expressions with several factors.

- 7 Simplify  $(3a^2b)^2$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Simplify  $\frac{18m^7n^2}{6m^3n^5}$  using positive exponents.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Simplify  $\frac{(4x^{-2})^2}{8x^{-5}}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Evaluate  $7^0 + 2^{-3}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Evaluate  $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-2}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 True or False:  $4^{-2} = -16$ .  
 True  False



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 **Interpret and correct exponent work.**

- 13** A student writes  $(5y^2)^3 = 5y^6$ . Identify the error and correct it.
- 14** Use the table to write the final capacity as one power of 2, then evaluate.

Starting files	$2^{11}$
Number of doublings	4

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**Mixed Review** **Week 1 Mixed Review**
**WEEKLY SKILL CHECK**

This review mixes Week 1 skills: real-number classification, real-number properties, exponent rules, radicals, and solving linear equations.

- ✓ Simplify before classifying numbers or radicals.
- ✓ Match the exponent rule to the operation: multiply, divide, or raise to a power.
- ✓ Use inverse operations and keep equations balanced.
- ✓ Check whether an equation has one solution, no solution, or infinitely many solutions.

**Remember:** On mixed review, name the skill first. That helps you choose the correct algebra move.

**☰ Real numbers and properties.**

- 1 Classify  $-\sqrt{81}$  into every applicable set.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Which number is irrational?
  - 3 Name the property:  $2(5x - 3) = 10x - 6$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 Simplify  $7a + 4 - 2a + 9$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- A.**  $\sqrt{100}$                       **B.**  $0.\bar{3}$   
**C.**  $\sqrt{18}$                          **D.**  $-\frac{7}{2}$

**☰ Exponent and radical review.**

- 5 Simplify  $x^4 \cdot x^6$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Simplify  $\frac{12a^5b^2}{3a^2b^6}$  using positive exponents.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Simplify  $(2m^3n)^3$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Simplify  $\sqrt{128}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Simplify  $3\sqrt{20} - \sqrt{45}$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Rationalize  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$ . \_\_\_\_\_

**☰ Equations and applications.**

- 11 Solve  $6x - 11 = 2x + 17$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Solve  $\frac{x}{3} + 5 = 12$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Classify  $4(x - 2) = 4x + 1$ .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Which equation has solution  $x = -2$ ?



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- A.  $3x + 1 = -5$       B.  $2x - 7 = -9$   
C.  $4x + 3 = 5$       D.  $x - 8 = -4$

 **Mixed representations.**

- 15 Complete the table.

Expression	$\sqrt{64}$	$2^{-3}$	$\sqrt{72}$
Simplified	_____	_____	_____

- 16 A gym charges \$20 plus \$5 per visit. If the total is \$65, how many visits were made?



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WEEK 3

# Slope and Linear Graphs

*A later sample to show graph and table practice.*

## In This Week

<b>Day 1</b>	<i>Rate of Change and Slope</i>
<b>Day 2</b>	<i>Writing Linear Equations</i>
<b>Day 3</b>	<i>Graphing Linear Functions</i>
<b>Day 4</b>	<i>Parallel and Perpendicular Lines</i>
<b>Mixed Review</b>	<i>Slope and Linear Graphs Mixed Review</i>

**Day 1** Rate of Change and Slope

**SKILL SNAPSHOT**

**Slope** is the rate of change of a line. It compares the change in  $y$  to the matching change in  $x$ :

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$



- ✓ Positive slopes rise from left to right, and negative slopes fall from left to right.
- ✓ A horizontal line has slope 0 because the rise is 0.
- ✓ A vertical line has undefined slope because the run is 0.
- ✓ In a table, slope is constant when equal changes in  $x$  give equal changes in  $y$ .
- ✓ In a situation, include units such as dollars per hour or feet per second.

**Remember:** Always match the top and bottom of the slope fraction: change in output over the same change in input.

**Find slope from two points.**

- 1 Find the slope through (1, 4) and (5, 12). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Find the slope through (−2, 7) and (4, −5). \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Find the slope through (3, −1) and (3, 8). \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Find the slope through (−4, 2) and (6, 2). \_\_\_\_\_

**Use tables and graphs.**

- 5 Use the table to find the rate of change. \_\_\_\_\_

$x$	0	2	4
$y$	5	9	13



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- 6 Use the table to decide whether the relationship is linear. If it is, give the slope.

$x$	1	3	5
$y$	10	7	4

- 7 What slope is shown by the rise-run triangle?



- 8 A line falls 9 units while moving 3 units to the right. What is its slope? \_\_\_\_\_

### Interpret slope in context.

- 9 A taxi fare increases from 18 dollars at 4 miles to 30 dollars at 8 miles. Find the slope and units.
- 10 A tank has 42 gallons after 2 minutes and 30 gallons after 6 minutes. Find the rate of change.
- 11 A line has slope  $\frac{5}{2}$  and passes through  $(2, 1)$ . What is the  $y$ -value when  $x = 4$ ?
- 12 True or False: A line with undefined slope is horizontal.

True  False

### Choose and explain.

- 13 Which pair of points has slope  $-4$ ?
- A.  $(0, 1)$  and  $(2, 9)$       B.  $(1, 7)$  and  $(3, -1)$   
 C.  $(-2, 5)$  and  $(2, 7)$       D.  $(4, -3)$  and  $(4, 6)$
- 14 Which line has slope 0?
- A.  $x = 5$       B.  $y = -2$   
 C.  $y = 3x + 1$       D.  $x + y = 6$
- 15 A table has points  $(2, 9)$ ,  $(5, 15)$ , and  $(8, 21)$ . Is the slope constant? Explain.



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## ANSWER KEY

# Answer Key & Explanations

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Use the answers to check your work, then read the explanations to learn the method.

### ✔ *How to review*

*First compare your final answer. If it does not match, read the explanation slowly and redo the problem beside it. The goal is to understand the move that gets you from the question to the final answer.*

### 📅 Week 1 Day 1: The Real Number System and Properties

#### ✓ Answers

1 integer, rational, real

2 natural, whole, integer, rational, real

3 rational

4 irrational

5 D

6 True

7 commutative property of addition

8 associative property of addition

9 distributive property

10  $-10a + 35$ 11  $13x + 8$ 12  $5m + 4$ 

13 rational; irrational; rational

14 No

#### 💡 Explanations

1 First simplify  $-\sqrt{64}$  to  $-8$ . A negative integer is in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and every integer is also rational and real.

2  $\sqrt{25} = 5$ , which is a counting number. Counting numbers are natural, and then the nested sets make it whole, integer, rational, and real.

3 A repeating decimal is rational because it can be written as a ratio of integers. The bar over 27 shows the decimal repeats forever in a pattern.

4 45 is not a perfect square, so  $\sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$ . Since  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational, the simplified radical is irrational.

5  $\sqrt{28} = 2\sqrt{7}$ , and  $\sqrt{7}$  is irrational. The other choices are a whole number, a fraction, and a terminating decimal, so they are rational.

6 Any integer  $n$  can be written as  $\frac{n}{1}$ . Since it is a ratio of integers, every integer is rational.

7 The order of the addends changes, but the grouping does not. Changing order is the commutative property.

8 The addends stay in the same order, but the parentheses move. Changing grouping is the associative property.

9 The outside factor 6 is multiplied by both terms inside the parentheses. That is the distributive property.

10 Distribute  $-5$  to both terms. The products are  $-5(2a) = -10a$  and  $-5(-7) = 35$ .



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- 11 Combine like terms by matching variable parts. The  $x$ -terms make  $13x$ , and the constants make 8.
- 12 Distribute first to get  $8m + 4 - 3m$ . Then combine like terms:  $8m - 3m = 5m$ .
- 13  $\sqrt{81} = 9$ , so it is rational. The sum  $\pi + 2$  is irrational because rational plus irrational stays irrational, and  $\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{9} = 3$  is rational.
- 14 The radicand being whole is not enough; the radicand must be a perfect square for its square root to be rational. Since 50 is not a perfect square,  $\sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

### 📅 Week 1 Day 2: Laws of Exponents

#### ✓ Answers

- 1  $x^4$     2  $a^7$     3  $m^5$     4  $\frac{1}{p^5}$     5  $r^{12}$     6  $4x^6$     7  $9a^4b^2$     8  $\frac{3m^4}{n^3}$
- 9  $2x$     10  $\frac{9}{8}$     11  $\frac{25}{4}$     12 False    13  $125y^6$     14  $2^{15} = 32,768$  files

#### 💡 Explanations

- 1 When multiplying powers with the same base, add exponents. Since  $6 + (-2) = 4$ , the result is  $x^4$ .
- 2 Add the exponents because all factors have base  $a$ . The exponent is  $3 + 5 - 1 = 7$ .
- 3 Dividing powers with the same base means subtract exponents. The result is  $m^{9-4} = m^5$ .
- 4 Subtract exponents:  $p^{2-7} = p^{-5}$ . A negative exponent moves the power to the denominator, so the answer is  $\frac{1}{p^5}$ .
- 5 A power raised to a power uses multiplication of exponents. Since  $4 \cdot 3 = 12$ , the result is  $r^{12}$ .
- 6 The outside exponent applies to both the coefficient and the variable power. Square 2 to get 4 and multiply exponents on  $x$  to get  $x^6$ .
- 7 Square each factor inside the parentheses. This gives  $3^2 = 9$ ,  $(a^2)^2 = a^4$ , and  $b^2$ .



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- 8 Divide coefficients to get 3. Subtract exponents on matching bases:  $m^{7-3} = m^4$  and  $n^{2-5} = n^{-3}$ , so  $n^3$  goes in the denominator.
- 9 Square the numerator to get  $16x^{-4}$ . Then  $\frac{16x^{-4}}{8x^{-5}} = 2x^1 = 2x$ .
- 10  $7^0 = 1$  and  $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$ . Adding gives  $1 + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{9}{8}$ .
- 11 A negative exponent takes the reciprocal first. Then  $(\frac{5}{2})^2 = \frac{25}{4}$ .
- 12 A negative exponent does not make the answer negative. It means reciprocal, so  $4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16}$ .
- 13 The outside exponent must also apply to the coefficient. The correct expression is  $5^3(y^2)^3 = 125y^6$ .
- 14 Four doublings multiply the starting amount by  $2^4$ . Same-base multiplication adds exponents, so  $2^{11} \cdot 2^4 = 2^{15} = 32,768$ .

### 📅 Week 1: Mixed Review

#### ✔ Answers

- 1 integer, rational, real    2 C    3 distributive property    4  $5a + 13$     5  $x^{10}$
- 6  $\frac{4a^3}{b^4}$     7  $8m^9n^3$     8  $8\sqrt{2}$     9  $3\sqrt{5}$     10  $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$     11  $x = 7$     12  $x = 21$
- 13 no solution    14 A    15  $8; \frac{1}{8}; 6\sqrt{2}$     16 9 visits

#### 💡 Explanations

- 1  $-\sqrt{81} = -9$ . A negative integer is also rational and real, but it is not whole or natural.
- 2  $\sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$ , and  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. The other choices are a whole number, repeating decimal, and fraction.
- 3 The factor 2 is multiplied by both terms inside the parentheses. This is the distributive property.



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- 4 Combine like terms:  $7a - 2a = 5a$  and  $4 + 9 = 13$ . The variable term and constant cannot combine with each other.
- 5 Same-base multiplication means add exponents. Since  $4 + 6 = 10$ , the product is  $x^{10}$ .
- 6 Divide coefficients to get 4. Subtract exponents:  $a^{5-2} = a^3$  and  $b^{2-6} = b^{-4}$ , so  $b^4$  goes in the denominator.
- 7 Apply the outside exponent to every factor. The coefficient becomes  $2^3 = 8$ , and the variable exponents multiply by 3.
- 8 Factor 128 as  $64 \cdot 2$  to pull out the largest square. Since  $\sqrt{64} = 8$ , the result is  $8\sqrt{2}$ .
- 9 Simplify first:  $\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$ . Then  $3(2\sqrt{5}) - 3\sqrt{5} = 3\sqrt{5}$ .
- 10 Multiply top and bottom by  $\sqrt{3}$ . The denominator becomes 3, and the numerator becomes  $4\sqrt{3}$ .
- 11 Subtract  $2x$  from both sides to get  $4x - 11 = 17$ . Add 11 and divide by 4, so  $x = 7$ .
- 12 Subtract 5 to get  $\frac{x}{3} = 7$ . Multiply by 3 to get  $x = 21$ .
- 13 Distribute to get  $4x - 8 = 4x + 1$ . Subtracting  $4x$  leaves  $-8 = 1$ , which is false.
- 14 Substitute  $-2$  into choice A:  $3(-2) + 1 = -6 + 1 = -5$ , which is true. The other equations do not hold for  $x = -2$ .
- 15  $\sqrt{64} = 8$  because 64 is a perfect square. A negative exponent gives  $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$ , and  $\sqrt{72} = \sqrt{36 \cdot 2} = 6\sqrt{2}$ .
- 16 Write  $20 + 5v = 65$ . Subtract 20 to get  $5v = 45$ , then divide by 5 to find  $v = 9$ .

### 📅 Week 3 Day 1: Rate of Change and Slope

#### ✔ Answers

1 2

2 -2

3 Undefined

4 0

5 2

6 Linear;  $-\frac{3}{2}$ 7  $\frac{2}{3}$ 

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8  $-3$ 

9 3 dollars per mile

10  $-3$  gallons per minute

11 6

12 False

13 B

14 B

15 Yes; 2

### 💡 Explanations

- 1 Use the slope formula:  $\frac{12-4}{5-1} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$ . The line rises 2 units for each 1 unit to the right.
- 2 Subtract the  $y$ -values and the matching  $x$ -values:  $\frac{-5-7}{4-(-2)} = \frac{-12}{6} = -2$ . A negative slope means the graph falls from left to right.
- 3 The  $x$ -values are the same, so the run is  $3 - 3 = 0$ . Division by 0 is undefined, so the vertical line has undefined slope.
- 4 The  $y$ -values are the same, so the rise is  $2 - 2 = 0$ . A horizontal line has slope 0 because 0 divided by a nonzero run is 0.
- 5 When  $x$  increases by 2,  $y$  increases by 4. The rate of change is  $\frac{4}{2} = 2$ .
- 6 The  $x$ -values increase by 2 each step while the  $y$ -values decrease by 3. The constant rate is  $\frac{-3}{2}$ , so the relationship is linear.
- 7 The graph shows a rise of 2 and a run of 3. Slope is rise over run, so  $m = \frac{2}{3}$ .
- 8 Falling means the rise is negative, so the change in  $y$  is  $-9$ . The slope is  $\frac{-9}{3} = -3$ .
- 9 The cost changes by  $30 - 18 = 12$  dollars while distance changes by  $8 - 4 = 4$  miles. The slope is  $\frac{12}{4} = 3$  dollars per mile.
- 10 The amount changes by  $30 - 42 = -12$  gallons over  $6 - 2 = 4$  minutes. The slope is  $\frac{-12}{4} = -3$ , meaning the tank loses 3 gallons each minute.
- 11 The input increases by 2, so multiply the slope by 2 to get a rise of 5. Starting from  $y = 1$ , the new value is  $1 + 5 = 6$ .
- 12 A horizontal line has slope 0 because the rise is 0. Undefined slope belongs to a vertical line because the run is 0.



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- 13 For choice B,  $\frac{-1-7}{3-1} = \frac{-8}{2} = -4$ . The other choices give a different slope or an undefined slope.
- 14 The equation  $y = -2$  keeps the  $y$ -value constant, so it is horizontal. Horizontal lines have slope 0.
- 15 From (2, 9) to (5, 15), the change is  $\frac{6}{3} = 2$ . From (5, 15) to (8, 21), the change is also  $\frac{6}{3} = 2$ , so the slope is constant.

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