

# Compare gradients

1 a) Complete the tables of values for the four lines: P, Q, R and S.

P  $y = x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

R  $y = 3x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

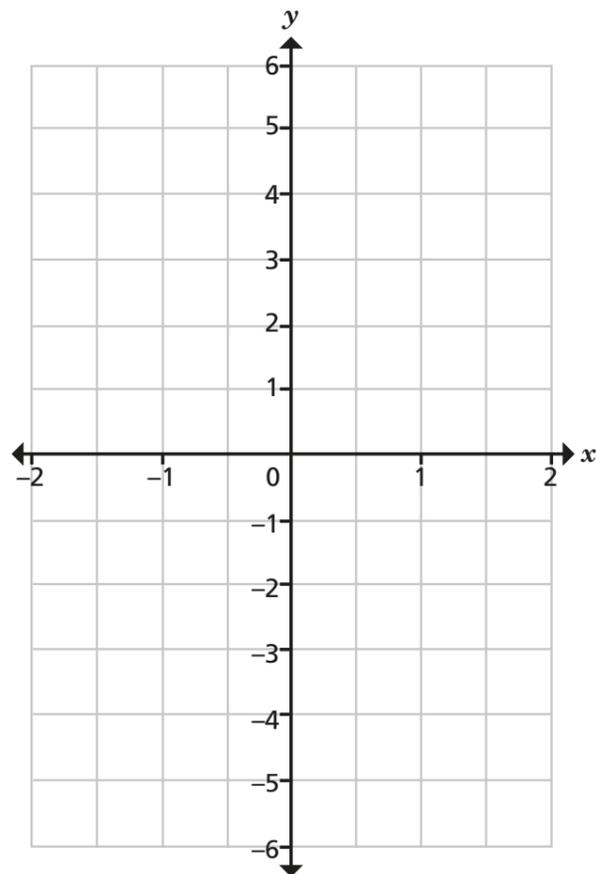
Q  $y = 2x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

S  $y = \frac{1}{2}x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

b) Plot and label the lines P, Q, R and S.



c) What do you notice?



2 a) Complete the tables of values for the four lines: J, K, L and M.

J  $y = -x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

L  $y = -3x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

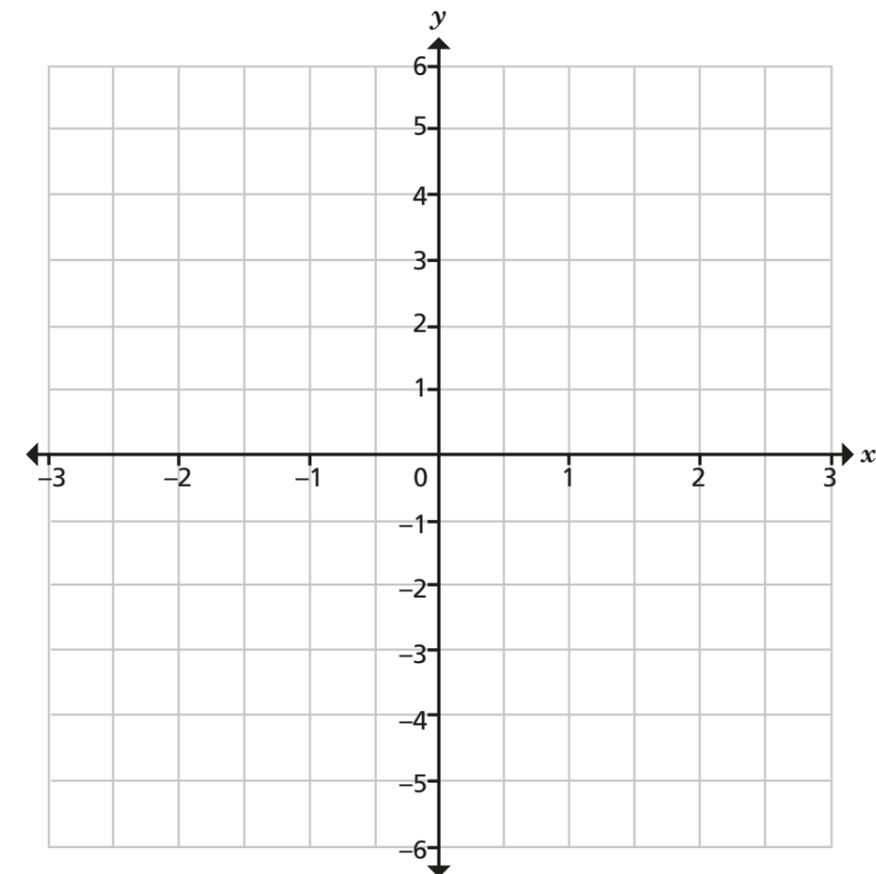
K  $y = -2x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

M  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y					

b) Plot and label the lines J, K, L and M.



c) What do you notice?

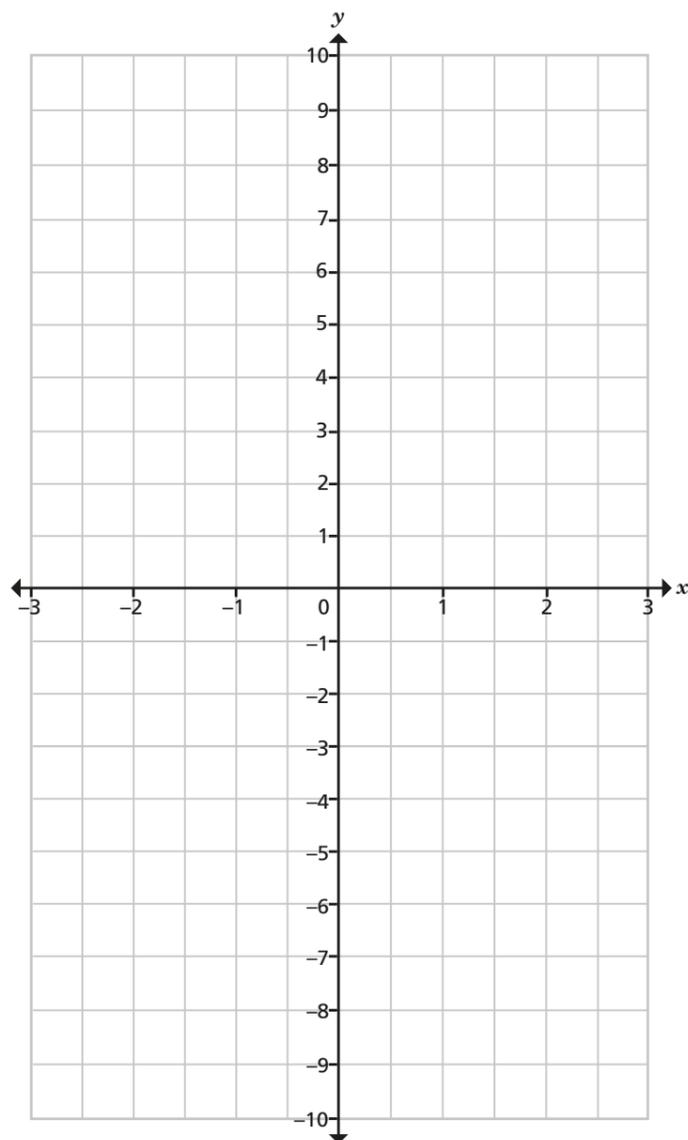
3 Compare your answers to questions 1 and 2  
What is the same? What is different?



4 Five lines are given by the following equations.

$L_1 \ y = 3x$        $L_3 \ y = 2 + 3x$        $L_5 \ y = 3x - 5$   
 $L_2 \ y = 3x + 1$        $L_4 \ 3 + 3x = y$

- a) What is the same about the equations? What is different?  
 b) Draw and label the lines on the grid.



c) The general equation of a straight line is  $y = mx + c$ , where  $m$  is the gradient.

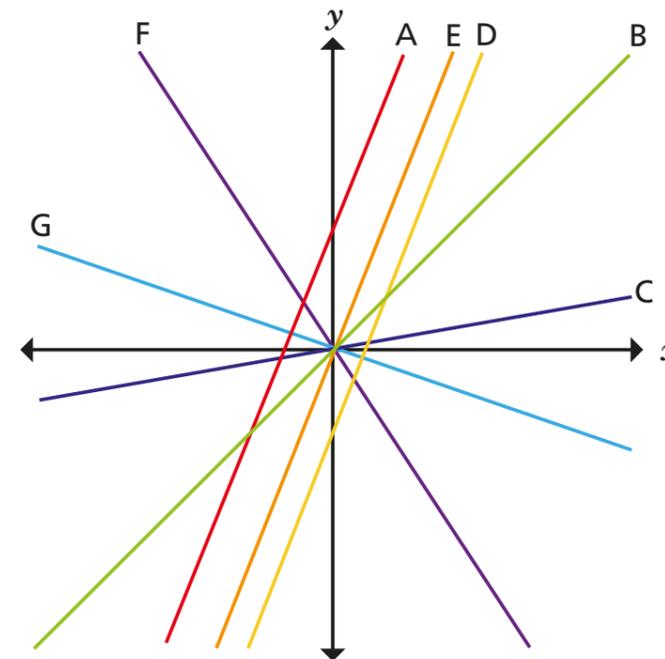
Each of these lines has the same gradient. How can you see this from the graph?

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5 Seven lines have been drawn on the axes.



a) Match the line to its correct equation.

The equation of one of the lines is not given.

A	$y = \frac{1}{3}x$
B	$y = 5x + 4$
C	$y = -3x$
D	$y = 2x$
E	$y = -\frac{2}{3}x$
F	$5x - 3 = y$
G	

b) Fill in the missing equation.

How did you know what equation to write?

c) Draw the graph of  $y = -7x$  on the axes.

Compare answers with a partner.

