Beginning Algebra ~ Lesson 18-C

Work the following examples as you listen to the recorded lecture.

Special Lines and Slope

Definitions:

Slope is the slant or angle of the line.

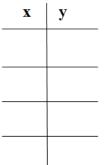
Positive slope goes "uphill".

Negative slope goes "downhill".

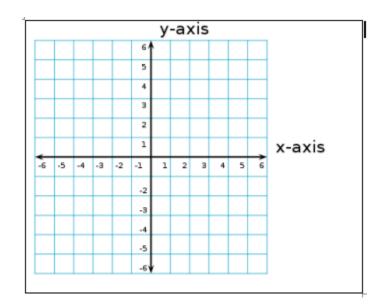
No slope is horizontal or flat, like a floor.

Undefined slope is vertical, like a wall.

Example 1: $y = \frac{1}{2}x$



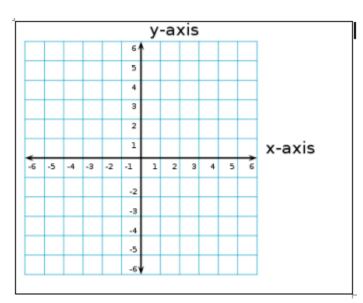
Slope: _____



Example 2: y = -x

X	y	

Slope: _____



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Example 3: y = 2

X	y

Slope: _____

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Example 4: x = -3

X	y	

Slope: _____

