STRAIGHT LINES

MTH 4-13b

I have discussed ways to describe the slope of a line, can interpret the definition of gradient and can use it to make relevant calculations, interpreting my answer for the context of the problem.

MTH 4-13c

Having investigated the pattern of the coordinate points lying on a horizontal or vertical line, I can describe the pattern using a simple equation.

MTH 4-13d

I can use a given formula to generate points lying on a straight line, plot them to create a graphical representation then use this to answer related questions.

Pupils should be able to:

- Plot points from a table of values for points where x = a, y = b, y = x, y = -x
- Recognise equations of lines of the above forms.
- Find the gradient of a given straight line using (change in y) ÷(change in x)
- Plot points from a table and observe the connection between the gradient of a straight line and the equation of the line, for lines of the form y = mx.
- Repeat for tables of values of formulae like y = 3x + 2 using a variety of contexts and working with positive gradients only. Some contexts will only work with positive co-ordinates, others will extend into other quadrants.
- Find the equation of a line from a graph or table of values link this with finding a formula from a pattern
- Investigate graphs of the form y = mx + c, including negative values of m. (establish that c gives the y-intercept and m gives the gradient.)

PUPILS SHOULD COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING EXERCISE AND ASSESS THEIR PROGRESS BY TICKING ONE OF THE OPTIONS FOR EACH TOPIC IN THE TABLE BELOW

	DEVELOPING	CONSOLIDATING	SECURE
Gradients and y-			
intercepts			
(Questions 1-3)			
Straight line			
equation			
(Questions 4-5)			
Sketching straight			
line graphs			
(Questions 6-7)			

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SELF EVALUATION EXERCISE

DATE DUE

- 1. The equation of a straight line is in the form y=mx+c. Explain what the m and the c represent.
- 2. Explain the gradients of the following straight lines;

a) y = 3 b) x = 4 c) y = x d) y = -x

3. State the gradient and y-intercept of each of the following straight lines;

a) y = 2x + 3 b) y=-2x + 4 c) y=7 - 4x

4. For each of the straight lines shown in the diagram, find the equation by first finding the gradient and y-intercept.

5.

- a) Write down the equations of three different lines which have a gradient of 4.
- b) What word is used to describe lines that have the same gradient?
- 6. Copy and complete the table below to show points that lie on the line y = 2x + 3.

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Make a neat sketch of the graph.

7. Mr Casey is a chef and has written down how long it would take to cook various sizes of a joint of roast beef.

Joint of beef	Time to roast		
3kg	60 mins		
5kg	90 mins		
9kg	150 mins		

- a) Draw a pair of axes and plot the three points (time being on the y-axis and mass of beef (kg) on x-axis).
- b) Draw a straight line through the plotted points.
- c) Find the equation of the straight line'

