

Reflections and Symmetry

Check Skills You'll Need

1. Vocabulary Review A translation moves each point in a figure the same _? in the same direction.

Graph the point A(2, 4) and its image after the given translation.

- 2. left 2 units
- 3. up 4 units
- 4. down 1 unit, left 4 units
- 5. up 2 units, right 3 units



CONTENT STANDARDS

8.G.1.a, 8.G.1.b,

8.G.1.c, 8.G.3

What You'll Learn

To graph reflections in the coordinate plane and to identify lines of symmetry

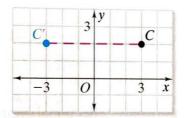
New Vocabulary reflection, line of reflection, reflectional symmetry, line of symmetry

Why Learn This?

Reflections appear everywhere in the world around us. You can see reflections in a mirror or a pool of water, or in shapes in art and nature.

A **reflection** is a transformation that flips a figure over a line. This line is the **line of reflection**. Like translations, reflections change the position of a figure but not its size or shape.



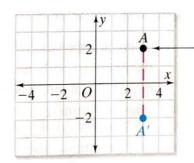


In the diagram at the left, C and C' are the same distance from the line of reflection. The segment connecting C and C' is perpendicular to the line of reflection, the y-axis.

EXAMPLE

Graphing Reflections of a Point

Graph the point A(3,2). Then graph its image after it is reflected over the x-axis. Name the coordinates of A'.



Since A is 2 units above the x-axis, A' is 2 units below the x-axis.

The coordinates of A' are (3, -2).

🗸 Quick Check

1. Graph the point D(-2, 1). Then graph its image after it is reflected over the y-axis. Name the coordinates of D'.

Vocabulary Tip

Congruent figures have the same shape and size.



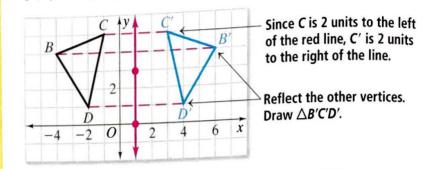
For help with graphing points, go to Lesson 1-7.

When you reflect a figure over a line, the image is congruent to the original figure.

EXAMPLE

Graphing Reflections of a Shape

Graph $\triangle BCD$ and its image after it is reflected over the line through (1,3) and (1,0). Name the coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle B'C'D'$.



The coordinates of the vertices are B'(6, 4), C'(3, 5), and D'(4, 1).

🗸 Quick Check

2. $\triangle EFG$ has vertices E(4,3), F(3,1), and G(1,2). Graph $\triangle EFG$ and its image after it is reflected over the *x*-axis. Name the coordinates of the vertices of $\triangle E'F'G'$.

If a figure can be reflected over a line so that the reflected image matches the original figure, then the figure has **reflectional symmetry**. The line that divides the figure into mirror images is called a **line of symmetry**.

Many shapes in nature have reflectional symmetry. In the leaf at the left, the black line approximates a line of symmetry.

EXAMPLE

Identifying Lines of Symmetry

3 Draw the lines of symmetry for the snowflake below.



There are six ways to fold the figure so both halves match. The figure has six lines of symmetry.



Quick Check

3. Copy the flag at the right. Draw the lines of symmetry.





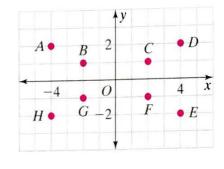
1. Vocabulary Line *a* divides a figure into two halves. How can you tell whether *a* is a line of symmetry?

3. B, x-axis

5. F, y-axis

Use the graph at the right. Match each point with its image after a reflection over the given axis.

- **2.** *A*, *y*-axis
- **4.** *H*, *y*-axis
- 6. *E*, *x*-axis 7. *C*, *x*-axis



Homework Exercises

for ExercisesSee Examples8–13114–16217–193

For more exercises, see Extra Skills and Word Problems.

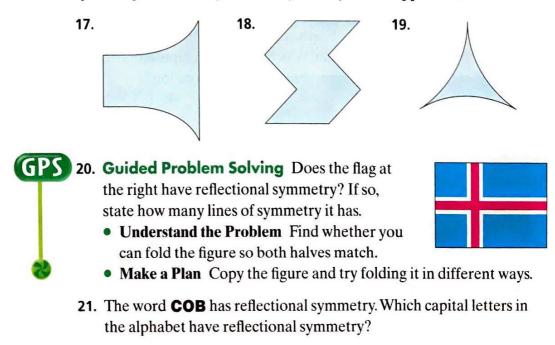
Graph the given point and its image after each reflection over the given axis. Name the coordinates of the reflected point.

8. $H(-3, 2)$, x-axis	9. $G(2,4), y$ -axis	10. $B(-3, -4)$, y-axis
11. $D(0, -2)$, x-axis	12. <i>C</i> (4, −3), <i>x</i> -axis	13 . <i>M</i> (5,0), <i>y</i> -axis

 $\triangle MPS$ has vertices M(4, 5), P(1, 2), and S(5, 1). Graph $\triangle MPS$ and its image after a reflection over each line. Name the new coordinates.

14. x-axis **15.** y-axis **16.** line through (1, -2) and (4, -2)

Copy each figure that has reflectional symmetry. Draw the lines of symmetry. Write *no reflectional symmetry* where applicable.





- **22.** a. Graph the image of $\triangle JKL$ after it is reflected over the red line. Name the coordinates of $\triangle J'K'L'$. What do you notice about the *y*-coordinates?
 - **b.** Translate $\triangle J'K'L'$ to the left 3 units. Name the coordinates of $\triangle J''K''L''$.

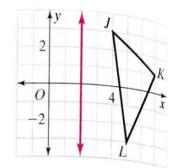
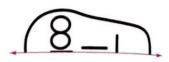


Figure *EFGH* has vertices E(2, 5), F(4, 5), G(6, 1), and H(3, 1). Graph figure *EFGH* and its image after a reflection over each line. Name the coordinates of the vertices of the reflected figure.

23. y-axis **24.** x-axis **25.** line through (0, 2) and (-3, 2)

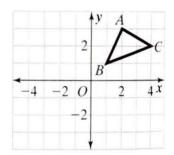
26. Art The figure at the right is folded along a red line of symmetry. Copy the figure and sketch the unfolded figure.



- 27. Writing in Math How many lines of symmetry does a circle have? Explain your answer.
- **28.** Challenge When connected in order, the points (-3, -3), (-4, -1), (-1, 2), (2, 5), and (4, 4) form half of a figure. The line of symmetry of the complete figure is y = x. Draw the complete figure.

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29. If $\triangle ABC$ is reflected over the *x*-axis, what are the coordinates of *C*? (A) (2, -4) (C) (-2, 4)(B) (4, -2) (D) (-4, 2)



Practice

- 30. Earth is about 93,000,000 miles from the sun. Which expression represents this number in scientific notation?
 9.3 × 10⁻⁷
 9.3 × 10⁻⁶
 9.3 × 10⁷
- 31. Which list shows the numbers in order from least to greatest?





Given the lengths of two legs of a right triangle, find the length of the hypotenuse.

32. a = 6, b = 8 **33.** a = 5, b = 12 **34.** a = 7, b = 24

Multiple Choice