

# MasterMath

## ALGEBRA

Writing Equations Using a Point and a Slope




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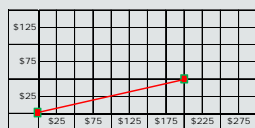
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The band earned \$125 for playing at the dance. Their payment included a set fee, plus 25% of ticket sales. The dance sold \$300 worth of tickets. Write an equation that describes how much the band would earn for any amount of ticket sales. Graph this equation.

Constant Rate of Change: 25% of Ticket Sales (x) = .25x

SLOPE = .25



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slope} &= \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \\ &= \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{50}{200} \\ &= .25 \end{aligned}$$

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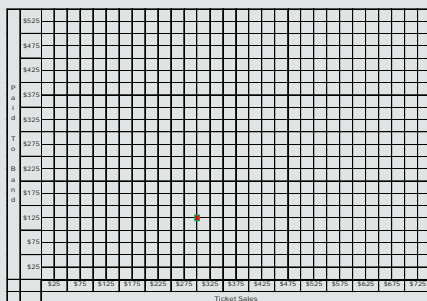
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SLOPE = .25 = 1/4



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$y = .25x + \$50$

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Slope = 1  
 y Intercept = 4  
 $y = x + 4$

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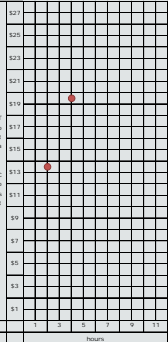
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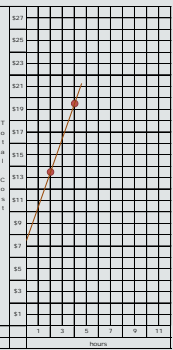
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Slope = rise ÷ run =  $6 \div 2 = 3$   
 y Intercept = \$7.50

$y = mx + y \text{ Intercept}$   
 $y = 3x + 7.5$



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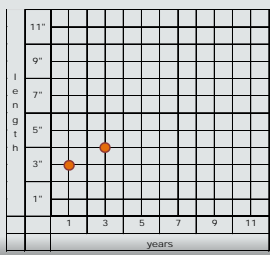
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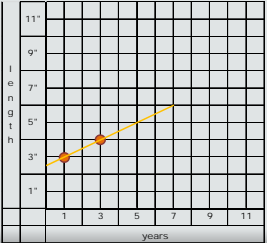
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Slope =  $\frac{1}{2}$ " / year =  $\frac{1}{2}$  = .5  
 y Intercept = 2.5"  
 $y = .5x + 2.5$

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**You try it!**

Now, try it on your own. Go to [www.MasterMath.info](http://www.MasterMath.info) download Writing Equations Using a Point and a Slope from the Worksheets Page, and test your skill. Then see how much you understand by taking the Subject Quiz.

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