

Point-Slope Form of a Linear Equation

$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = m \quad \text{therefore,} \quad y_2 - y_1 = m(x_2 - x_1)$$

Remove one set of subscripts

This is "point-slope" form. $\longrightarrow y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

\uparrow Put y here \uparrow Put m here \uparrow Put x here

Example:

Find equation of line through (3, 4) with slope 5

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 4 = 5(x - 3)$$

$$y - 4 = 5x - 15$$

$$y = 5x - 11$$

The rest of this page is a homework example. It does not need to go in your notebook.

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13.) $(8, 13)$ $m = -9$

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$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 13 = -9(x - 8)$$

$$y - 13 = -9x + 72$$

$$y = -9x + 85$$