## Section 1.3: Rate of Change

## Slopes of Linear Graphs



Positive slopes: when the graph $\qquad$ from left to right.


Negative slopes: when the graph $\qquad$ from left to right.

## Calculating Slopes of Linear Graphs

The slope of a linear graph can be calculated if you know the ( $x, y$ ) coordinates of two different points along the graph.

These 2 points are called $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$ and $\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)$.
2-point Slope Formula: $\quad m=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}=\frac{\text { vertical cange }}{\text { horizontal change }}$

What is the slope of this graph?


Slope triangle method:
Formula Method:

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## Example:



On the graph, draw a line through point $P$ that has a slope of $\frac{3}{4}$


On the graph, draw a line through point $P$ that has a slope of $\frac{-5}{2}$

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## Special Slopes



Zero slopes: when the graph is $\qquad$


Undefined slopes: when the graph is $\qquad$

Check your understanding:
Build your Skills, pg. 39-40, \#1, 2, 3 Worksheet: Slope from a Graph, \#1-8

