

## Exploring Quadratic Graphs

## 1. Plan

## Objectives

- To graph quadratic functions of the form  $y = ax^2$
- To graph quadratic functions of the form  $y = ax^2 + c$

## Examples

- Identifying a Vertex
- Graphing  $y = ax^2$
- Comparing Widths of Parabolas
- Graphing  $y = ax^2 + c$
- Real-World Problem Solving

Professional Development

## Math Background

Formally, a parabola is the intersection of a right circular cone with a plane parallel to a line on the surface of the cone (a generating line).

**More Math Background:** p. 548C

## Lesson Planning and Resources

See p. 548E for a list of the resources that support this lesson.

PowerPoint

## Bell Ringer Practice

## Check Skills You'll Need

For intervention, direct students to:

## Exponents, Order of Operations

Lesson 1-2: Example 5

Extra Skills and Word

Problem Practice, Ch. 1

## Function Rules, Tables, Graphs

Lesson 5-3: Examples 1, 3

Extra Skills and Word

Problem Practice, Ch. 5

## What You'll Learn

- To graph quadratic functions of the form  $y = ax^2$
- To graph quadratic functions of the form  $y = ax^2 + c$

## ... And Why

To model a problem involving gravity, as in Example 5

## Check Skills You'll Need

GO for Help Lessons 1-2 and 5-3

Evaluate each expression for  $h = 3$ ,  $k = 2$ , and  $j = -4$ .

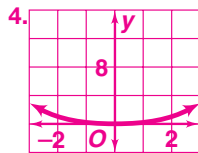
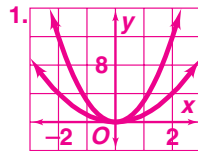
1.  $hkj$  **-24**    2.  $kh^2$  **18**    3.  $hk^2$  **12**    4.  $kj^2 + h$  **35**

Graph each equation. **5-7. See back of book.**

5.  $y = 2x - 1$     6.  $y = |x| + 1$     7.  $y = x^2 + 2$

## New Vocabulary

- quadratic function
- standard form of a quadratic function
- quadratic parent function
- parabola
- axis of symmetry
- vertex
- minimum
- maximum

1 Graphing  $y = ax^2$ 

Yes; the graph is wider than  $y = x^2$ .

## Activity: Plotting Quadratic Curves

- Graph the equations  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 3x^2$  on the same coordinate plane. **See left.**
- a. Describe how the graphs are alike. **a-b. See back of book.**  
b. Describe how the graphs are different.
- Predict how the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$  will be similar to and different from the graph of  $y = x^2$ . **See back of book.**
- Graph  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$ . Were your predictions correct? Explain. **See left.**

The functions shown above are quadratic functions.



## Key Concepts

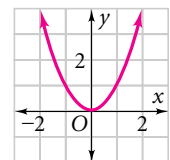
## Definition

## Standard Form of a Quadratic Function

A **quadratic function** is a function that can be written in the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a \neq 0$ . This form is called the **standard form of a quadratic function**. **Examples**  $y = 5x^2$   $y = x^2 + 7$   $y = x^2 - x - 3$

The simplest quadratic function,  $f(x) = x^2$ , or  $y = x^2$ , is the **quadratic parent function**.

The graph of a quadratic function is a U-shaped curve called a **parabola**. The graph of  $y = x^2$ , shown at the right, is a parabola.



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## Differentiated Instruction Solutions for All Learners

## Special Needs L1

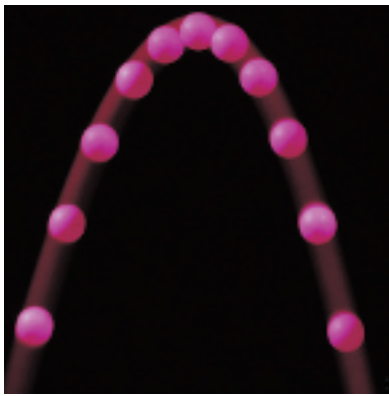
Some students may have difficulty plotting points on a coordinate plane. For the activity, have them work with a partner to ensure accurate graphing as they determine  $(x, y)$  pairs of points

learning style: tactile

## Below Level L2

Help students to see that quadratic functions have curved graphs by comparing tables of values for  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ .

learning style: verbal



You can fold a parabola so that the two sides match exactly. This property is called *symmetry*. The fold or line that divides the parabola into two matching halves is called the **axis of symmetry**.

The highest or lowest point of a parabola is its **vertex**, which is on the axis of symmetry.

$$\text{If } a > 0 \text{ in } y = ax^2 + bx + c$$



the parabola opens upward.



The vertex is the **minimum** point or lowest point of the parabola.

$$\text{If } a < 0 \text{ in } y = ax^2 + bx + c$$



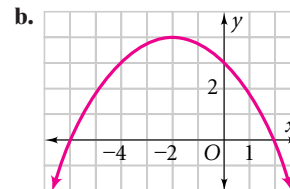
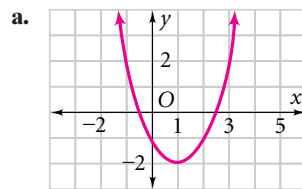
the parabola opens downward.



The vertex is the **maximum** point or highest point of the parabola.

### 1 EXAMPLE Identifying a Vertex

Identify the vertex of each graph. Tell whether it is a minimum or maximum.

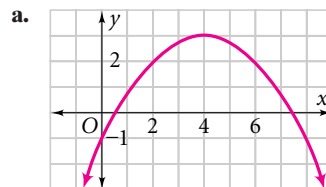


● The vertex is (1, -2). It is a minimum.      The vertex is (-2, 4). It is a maximum.

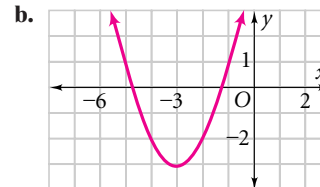


**Quick Check**

1 Identify the vertex of each graph. Tell whether it is a minimum or maximum.



(4, 3); max.



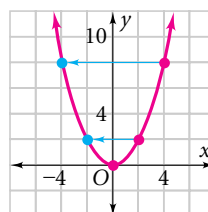
(-3, -3); min.

You can use the fact that a parabola is symmetric to graph it quickly. First find the coordinates of the vertex and several points on either side of the vertex. Then reflect the points across the axis of symmetry. For functions of the form  $y = ax^2$ , the vertex is at the origin.

### 2 EXAMPLE Graphing $y = ax^2$

Make a table of values and graph the quadratic function  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ .

x	$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$	(x, y)
0	$\frac{1}{2}(0)^2 = 0$	(0, 0)
2	$\frac{1}{2}(2)^2 = 2$	(2, 2)
4	$\frac{1}{2}(4)^2 = 8$	(4, 8)



Find the corresponding points on the other side of the axis of symmetry.



**Quick Check**

2 Make a table of values and graph the quadratic function  $f(x) = -2x^2$ . **See back of book.**

## 2. Teach

### Guided Instruction

#### Activity

Make sure students understand that quadratic equations are graphed as curves connecting the points, not as segments connecting the points. Demonstrate by graphing  $y = x^2$  on the board.

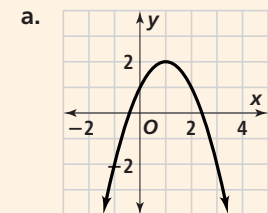
### 2 EXAMPLE Teaching Tip

Since  $x^2$  is multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , encourage students to choose even numbers for  $x$ .

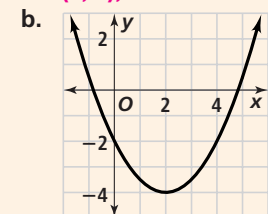


### Additional Examples

1 Identify the vertex of each graph. Tell whether the vertex is a minimum or a maximum.



(1, 2); maximum



(2, -4); minimum

2 Make a table of values and graph the quadratic function  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$ . **See back of book.**

#### Advanced Learners L4

Ask students to predict what kind of quadratic function would have a graph whose vertical axis of symmetry is either to the right or to the left of the origin.

learning style: verbal

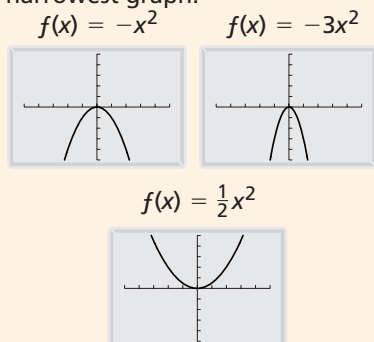
#### English Language Learners ELL

For students who may not be familiar with the word *bungee* have a volunteer explain how bungee jumping is done. Also point out that the letter *g* can be a hard *g* sound (as in *angle* or *English*) or a soft *g* sound like the letter *j* (as in *algebra* or *bungee*).

learning style: verbal

## Additional Examples

- 3 Use the graphs below. Order the quadratic functions  $f(x) = -x^2$ ,  $f(x) = -3x^2$ , and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  from widest to narrowest graph.



$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $f(x) = -x^2$ ,  
 $f(x) = -3x^2$

### 4 EXAMPLE Tactile Learners

After students have graphed  $y = 2x^2$ , have them bend a paper clip into the shape of the graph. Then instruct them to move the paper clip around to model translating the graph.

## Additional Examples

- 4 Graph the quadratic functions  $y = 3x^2$  and  $y = 3x^2 - 2$ . Compare the graphs. **The graph of  $y = 3x^2 - 2$  has the same shape as the graph of  $y = 3x^2$ , but it is shifted down 2 units. See back of book.**

- 5 A monkey drops an orange from a branch 26 ft above the ground. The force of gravity causes the orange to fall toward the Earth. The function  $h = -16t^2 + 26$  gives the height of the orange  $h$  in feet after  $t$  seconds. Graph this quadratic function. **See back of book.**

### Resources

- Daily Notetaking Guide 10-1 **L3**
- Daily Notetaking Guide 10-1—Adapted Instruction **L1**

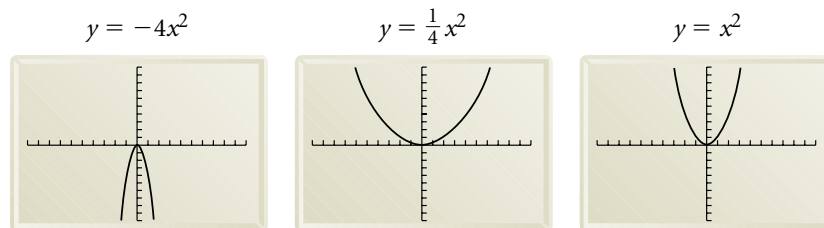
## Closure

Ask: *What is the shape of a quadratic graph? U-shaped*  
*How do  $a$  and  $c$  affect a quadratic graph? The greater the absolute*

The value of  $a$ , the coefficient of the  $x^2$  term in a quadratic function, affects the width of a parabola as well as the direction in which it opens.

### 3 EXAMPLE Comparing Widths of Parabolas

Use the graphs below. Order the quadratic functions  $f(x) = -4x^2$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2$ , and  $f(x) = x^2$  from widest to narrowest graph.



Of the three graphs,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2$  is the widest and  $f(x) = -4x^2$  is the narrowest. So, the order from widest to narrowest is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$ , and  $f(x) = -4x^2$ .



- 3 Order the quadratic functions  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ , and  $y = -2x^2$  from widest to narrowest graph.  **$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = -2x^2$**

When  $|m| < |n|$ , the graph of  $y = mx^2$  is wider than the graph of  $y = nx^2$ .

## 2

### Graphing $y = ax^2 + c$

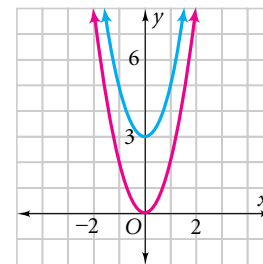
The  $y$ -axis is the axis of symmetry for functions in the form  $y = ax^2 + c$ . The value of  $c$  translates the graph up or down.

### 4 EXAMPLE Graphing $y = ax^2 + c$

**Multiple Choice** How is the graph of  $y = 2x^2 + 3$  different from the graph of  $y = 2x^2$ ?

- (A) It is shifted 3 units up.      (B) It is shifted 3 units down.  
(C) It is shifted 3 units to the right.      (D) It is shifted 3 units to the left.

$x$	$y = 2x^2$	$y = 2x^2 + 3$
-2	8	11
-1	2	5
0	0	3
1	2	5
2	8	11



The graph of  $y = 2x^2 + 3$  has the same shape as the graph of  $y = 2x^2$ , but it is shifted up 3 units. So A is the correct answer.

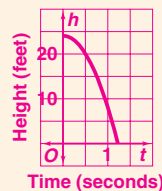


- 4 a. Graph  $y = x^2$  and  $y = x^2 - 4$ . Compare the graphs. **See back of book.**  
b. **Critical Thinking** Describe what positive and negative values of  $c$  do to the position of the vertex. **Positive values of  $c$  shift the vertex up. Negative values of  $c$  shift the vertex down.**

value of  $a$ , the narrower the graph. If  $a$  is positive, the graph opens upward. If  $a$  is negative, the graph opens downward. The value of  $c$  determines the number of units, and also in which direction, the graph is shifted vertically.

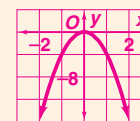
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5a.



### pages 553–556 Exercises

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# 3. Practice

## Assignment Guide

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**2 A B** 14-26, 31-33, 38-39, 44

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Mixed Review 54-66

### Homework Quick Check

To check students' understanding of key skills and concepts, go over Exercises 4, 18, 28, 39, 44.

### Error Prevention!

**Exercises 10-13** Remind students to use the absolute value of  $a$  when comparing graphs.

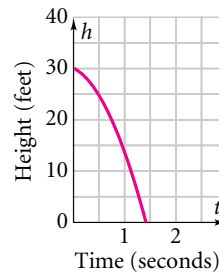
You can model the height of an object moving under the influence of gravity using a quadratic function. As an object falls, its speed continues to increase. Ignoring air resistance, you can find the approximate height of a falling object using the function  $h = -16t^2 + c$ . The height  $h$  is in feet, the time  $t$  is in seconds, and the initial height of the object  $c$  is in feet.

### 5 EXAMPLE Real-World Problem Solving



**Nature** Suppose you see an eagle flying over a canyon. The eagle is 30 ft above the level of the canyon's edge when it drops a stick from its claws. The force of gravity causes the stick to fall toward Earth. The function  $h = -16t^2 + 30$  gives the height of the stick  $h$  in feet after  $t$  seconds. Graph this quadratic function.

$t$	$h = -16t^2 + 30$
0	30
1	14
2	-34



Height  $h$  is dependent on time  $t$ . Graph  $t$  on the  $x$ -axis and  $h$  on the  $y$ -axis. Use nonnegative values for  $t$ .

### Quick Check

- 5 a.** Suppose a squirrel is in a tree 24 ft above the ground. She drops an acorn. The function  $h = -16t^2 + 24$  gives the height of the acorn in feet after  $t$  seconds. Graph this function. **See margin.**
- b. Critical Thinking** Describe a reasonable domain and range for the function in Example 5. **Domain: 0 to about 1.5 seconds; Range: 0 to 30 feet**

## EXERCISES

For more exercises, see *Extra Skill and Word Problem Practice*.

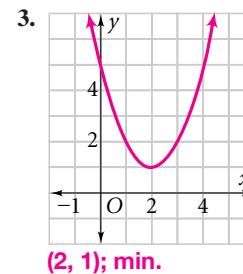
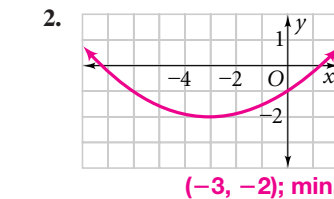
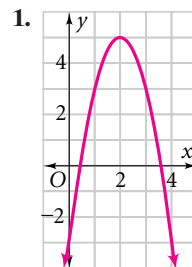
### Practice and Problem Solving

#### A Practice by Example

**Example 1**  
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Identify the vertex of each graph. Tell whether it is a minimum or maximum.



(2, 5); max.

(-3, -2); min.

(2, 1); min.

**Example 2**  
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Graph each function. 4-9. **See margin.**

4.  $y = -4x^2$

5.  $f(x) = 1.5x^2$

6.  $y = \frac{2}{3}x^2$

7.  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2$

8.  $y = -\frac{1}{3}x^2$

9.  $f(x) = 3x^2$

**Example 3**  
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Order each group of quadratic functions from widest to narrowest graph.

10.  $y = 3x^2, y = \frac{1}{2}x^2, y = 4x^2$

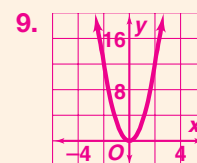
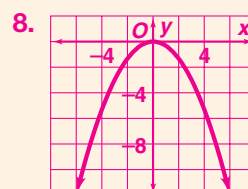
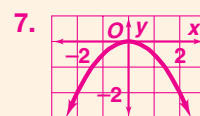
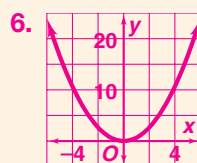
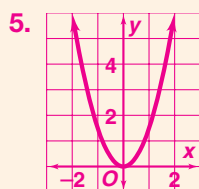
11.  $f(x) = 5x^2, f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2, f(x) = x^2$

12.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2, y = 5x^2, y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2$

13.  $f(x) = -2x^2, f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}x^2, f(x) = -4x^2$

10-13.  
**See margin.**

Lesson 10-1 Exploring Quadratic Graphs **553**



### Differentiated Instruction Resources

<b>GPS</b> Guided Problem Solving	<b>L3</b>
Enrichment	<b>L4</b>
Reteaching	<b>L2</b>
Adapted Practice	<b>L1</b>
Practice	<b>L3</b>

**Practice 10-1** Exploring Quadratic Graphs

Identify the vertex of each graph. Tell whether it is a minimum or a maximum.

1.  $y = -3x^2$       2.  $y = -7x^2$       3.  $y = 0.5x^2$   
4.  $y = 5x^2$       5.  $y = -4x^2$       6.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2$

Order each group of quadratic functions from widest to narrowest graph.

7.  $y = x^2, y = 5x^2, y = 3x^2$       8.  $y = -8x^2, y = \frac{1}{2}x^2, y = -x^2$   
9.  $y = 5x^2, y = -4x^2, y = 2x^2$       10.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2, y = \frac{1}{3}x^2, y = -3x^2$   
11.  $y = 6x^2, y = -7x^2, y = 4x^2$       12.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2, y = 2x^2, y = \frac{1}{3}x^2$

Graph each function.

13.  $y = x^2$       14.  $y = 4x^2$       15.  $y = -3x^2$   
16.  $y = -2x^2 - 4$       17.  $y = 2x^2 - 2$       18.  $y = 2x^2 + 3$   
19.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2$       20.  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 - 3$       21.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5$   
22.  $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 4$       23.  $y = 2.5x^2 + 3$       24.  $y = 2.5x^2 + 5$   
25.  $y = 5x^2 + 8$       26.  $y = 5x^2 - 8$       27.  $y = -3.5x^2 - 4$

28. The price of a stock on the NYSE is modeled by the function  $y = 0.005t^2 + 10$ , where  $a$  is the number of months the stock has been available.

a. Graph the function.  
b. What  $x$ -values make sense for the domain? Explain why.  
c. What  $y$ -values make sense for the range? Explain why.

29. You are designing a poster. The poster is 24 in. wide by 36 in. high. On the poster, you want to place a square photograph and some printing. If each side of the photograph is  $x$  in., the function  $y = 864 - x^2$  gives the area of the poster available for printing.

a. Graph the function.  
b. What  $x$ -values make sense for the domain? Explain why.  
c. What  $y$ -values make sense for the range? Explain why.

30. You are placing a circular drawing on a square piece of poster board. The poster board is 15 in. wide. The part of the poster board not covered by the drawing will be painted blue. If the radius of the drawing is  $r$ , the function  $A = 225 - 3.14r^2$  gives the area to be painted blue.

a. Graph the function.  
b. What  $x$ -values make sense for the domain? Explain why.  
c. What  $y$ -values make sense for the range? Explain why.

10.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2, y = 3x^2, y = 4x^2$

11.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2, f(x) = x^2, f(x) = 5x^2$

12.  $y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2, y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2, y = 5x^2$

13.  $f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}x^2, f(x) = -2x^2, f(x) = -4x^2$

## Tactile Learners

**Exercises 34–35** Suggest to students that they fold each traced graph to find the axis of symmetry.

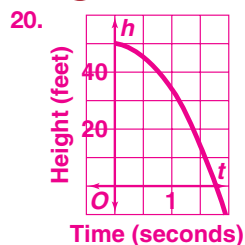
## Careers

**Exercise 47** Tell students that a landscape designer analyzes the needs and preferences of clients and then plans exterior spaces accordingly. The designer selects and integrates appropriate plant and non-plant elements to create the space. One task of the designer that involves mathematics is to develop a plot plan to scale on grid paper.

### Example 4 (page 552)

### Example 5 (page 553)

### B Apply Your Skills

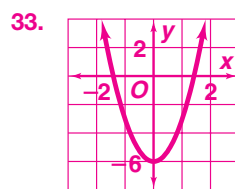
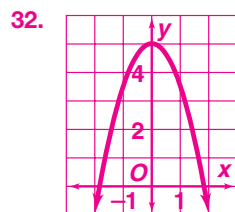
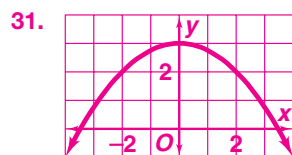


27. The graph of  $y = 2x^2$  is narrower.

28. The graph of  $y = -x^2$  opens downward.

29. The graph of  $y = 1.5x^2$  is narrower.

30. The graph of  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  is wider.



Graph each function. 14–19. See margin.

14.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$

15.  $y = x^2 - 3$

16.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 4$

17.  $f(x) = -x^2 - 1$

18.  $y = -2x^2 + 2$

19.  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 7$

20. A gull drops a clam shell onto some rocks from a height of 50 ft. The function  $h = -16t^2 + 50$  gives the shell's approximate height  $h$  in feet after  $t$  seconds. Graph the function. See left.

Match each graph with its function.

A.  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

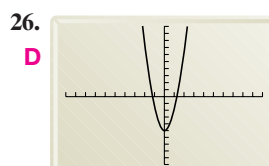
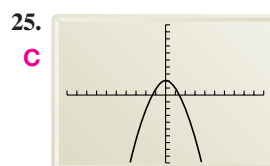
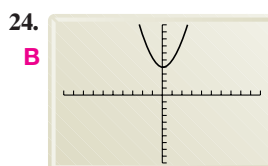
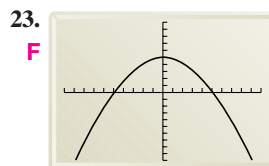
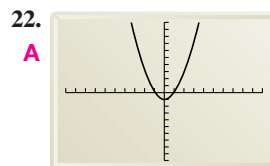
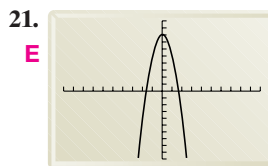
B.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$

C.  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2$

D.  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5$

E.  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 8$

F.  $f(x) = -0.2x^2 + 5$



**Writing** Without graphing, describe how each graph differs from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .

27.  $y = 2x^2$

28.  $y = -x^2$

29.  $y = 1.5x^2$

30.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

27–30. See left.

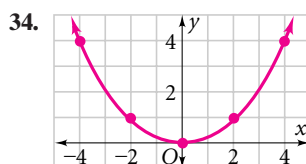
Graph each function. 31–33. See left.

31.  $y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + 3$

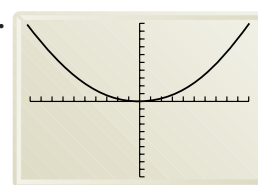
32.  $f(x) = -1.5x^2 + 5$

33.  $y = 3x^2 - 6$

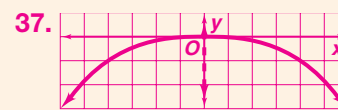
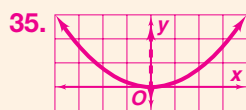
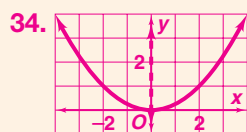
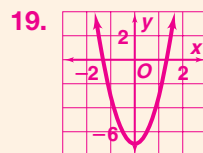
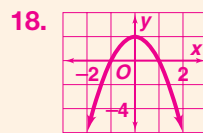
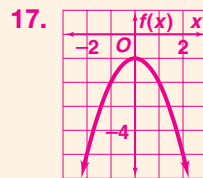
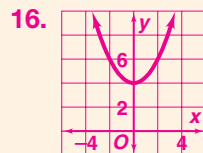
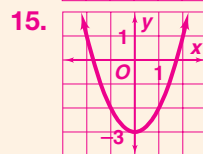
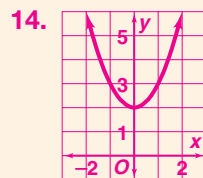
Trace each parabola on a sheet of paper and draw its axis of symmetry.



34–37. See margin.



## pages 553–556 Exercises



38. A bungee jumper dives from a platform. The function  $h = -16t^2 + 200$  gives her approximate height  $h$  in feet after  $t$  seconds.
- Graph the function. Graph  $t$  on the  $x$ -axis and  $h$  on the  $y$ -axis.
  - What will the jumper's height be after 1 second? **184 ft**
  - What will the jumper's height be after 3 seconds? **56 ft**

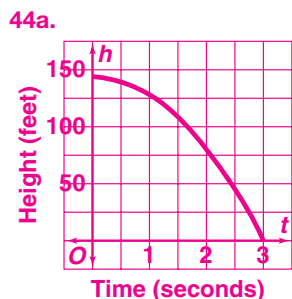
See back of book.

39. **Geometry** Suppose that a pizza must fit into a box with a base that is 12 in. long and 12 in. wide. You can use the quadratic function  $A = \pi r^2$  to find the area of a pizza in terms of its radius.



- GPS**
- What values of  $r$  make sense for the function?  **$0 < r < 6$**
  - What values of  $A$  make sense for the function?
  - Graph the function. Round values of  $A$  to the nearest tenth. **See margin.**

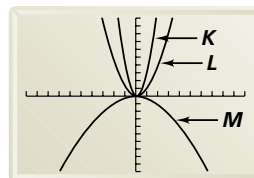
39b.  $0 < A < 36\pi \approx 113.1$



- c. No; the apple falls 48 ft from  $t = 1$  to  $t = 2$ , because it is accelerating.

Three graphs are shown below. For Exercises 40–43, identify the graph(s) that fit each description.

40.  $a > 0$  **K, L**      41.  $a < 0$  **M**
42.  $|a|$  has the greatest value. **K**
43.  $|a|$  has the least value. **M**



44. **Gravity** Suppose a person is riding in a hot-air balloon, 144 feet above the ground. He drops an apple. The height of the apple above the ground is given by the formula  $h = -16t^2 + 144$ , where  $h$  is height in feet and  $t$  is time in seconds.

- Graph the function. **See left.**
- How far has the apple fallen from time  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$ ? **16 ft**
- Critical Thinking** Does the apple fall as far from time  $t = 1$  to  $t = 2$  as it does from time  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$ ? Explain. **See left.**

45. **Multiple Choice** Which function has a graph that is the same as the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  shifted 4 units down? **B**

- (A)  $f(x) = x^2 + 5$       (B)  $f(x) = x^2 - 3$   
 (C)  $f(x) = x^2 - 4$       (D)  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$

**Challenge**

- 46a.  $c \neq 0$  and  $a$  and  $c$  have opp. signs.

- b.  $c \neq 0$  and  $a$  and  $c$  have the same signs.

46. **Critical Thinking** Complete each statement. Assume  $a \neq 0$ . **a–b. See left.**

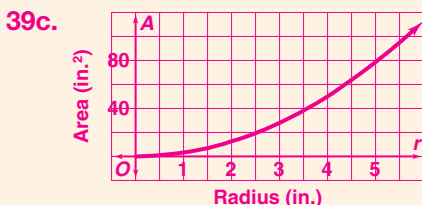
- The graph of  $y = ax^2 + c$  intersects the  $x$ -axis in two places when  $?$ .
- The graph of  $y = ax^2 + c$  does not intersect the  $x$ -axis when  $?$ .

47. **Landscaping** The plan for a 20 ft-by-12 ft patio has a square garden in the middle of it. If each side of the garden is  $x$  ft, the function  $y = 240 - x^2$  gives the area of the patio without the garden in square feet.

- Graph the function. **See back of book.**
- What values make sense for the domain? Explain. **b–c. See margin.**
- What is the range of the function? Explain.
- Use the graph to estimate the side length of the garden if the area of the patio is 200 ft<sup>2</sup>. **about 6 ft**

48. Consider the graphs of  $y = ax^2$  and  $y = (ax)^2$ . Assume  $a \neq 0$ .

- For what values of  $a$  will both graphs lie in the same quadrants?  **$a > 0$**
- For what values of  $a$  will the graph of  $y = ax^2$  be wider than the graph of  $y = (ax)^2$ ?  **$|a| > 1$**



- 47b.  $0 < x < 12$ ; the side length of the square garden must be less than the width of the patio.

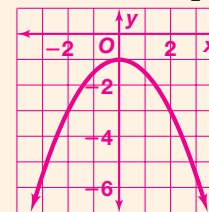
- c.  $96 < A < 240$ ; as the side length of the garden increases from 0 to 12, the area of the patio decreases from 240 to 96.

## 4. Assess & Reteach

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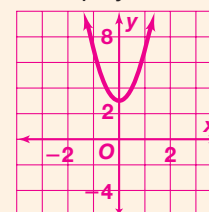
### Lesson Quiz

1. a. Graph  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 1$ .



- b. Identify the vertex. Tell whether it is a maximum or a minimum. **(0, -1); maximum**
- c. Compare this graph to the graph of  $y = -x^2$ . **This graph is wider, opens downward, and is shifted 1 unit down.**

2. a. Graph  $y = 4x^2 + 3$ .



- b. Identify the vertex. Tell whether it is a maximum or a minimum. **(0, 3); minimum**

- c. Compare this graph to the graph of  $y = x^2$ . **This graph is narrower and shifted 3 units up.**

3. Order the quadratic functions  $y = -4x^2$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2$ , and  $y = 2x^2$  from widest to narrowest graph.  
 **$y = \frac{1}{4}x^2$ ,  $y = 2x^2$ ,  $y = -4x^2$**

### Alternative Assessment

Direct all students to stand. Instruct them to model the function  $y = x^2$  with their arms. Write a quadratic function in the form of  $y = ax^2 + c$  on the board. Tell students to move their arms wider or narrower to represent  $a$ , and curve their arms downward to model negative  $a$ . They can raise their shoulders and stand on their toes, or bend their knees to model the value of  $c$ . Repeat with various quadratic functions.

