

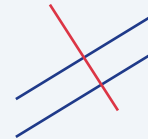
Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

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Quick Review and Helpful Hints

Two lines are *parallel* when they have the *same slope*. They are *perpendicular* when their slopes are *negative reciprocals* (the product of the slopes is -1). To get a perpendicular slope, flip the fraction and change its sign.

▶ **Example:** A line has slope 2. Find the slope of a line (a) parallel and (b) perpendicular to it. **Work:** Parallel keeps the same slope: 2. Perpendicular flips and negates: $-\frac{1}{2}$. ★ **Answer:** 2 and $-\frac{1}{2}$



Parallel: same slope. Perpendicular: flip & negate.

◆ Practice Problems

Find the slope or answer Yes/No as directed.

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| <p>1. Parallel slope to $m = 3$ _____</p> <p>2. Perpendicular slope to $m = 3$ _____</p> <p>3. Parallel slope to $m = -2$ _____</p> <p>4. Perpendicular slope to $m = -2$ _____</p> <p>5. Parallel slope to $m = \frac{1}{4}$ _____</p> <p>6. Perpendicular slope to $m = \frac{1}{4}$ _____</p> <p>7. Perpendicular slope to $m = 1$ _____</p> | <p>8. Perpendicular slope to $m = -\frac{2}{3}$ _____</p> <p>9. Are $y = 2x + 1$ and $y = 2x - 5$ parallel? _____</p> <p>10. Are $y = 3x$ and $y = -\frac{1}{3}x$ perpendicular? _____</p> <p>11. Are $y = x + 2$ and $y = x - 7$ perpendicular? _____</p> <p>12. Parallel slope to $y = -4x + 3$ _____</p> <p>13. Perpendicular slope to $y = 5x - 1$ _____</p> <p>14. Are $y = 2x + 1$ and $y = -2x + 1$ parallel? _____</p> |
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◆ Word Problems

15. A road has slope $\frac{3}{4}$. A road parallel to it has what slope? _____
16. A wall is perpendicular to a ramp of slope $\frac{2}{5}$. What is the wall's slope? _____
17. Line a is $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 4$. Give the slope of any line perpendicular to it. _____
18. Are the lines $y = -x + 6$ and $y = x - 2$ perpendicular? _____



Answer Keys

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| 2. <input type="text" value="-1/3"/> | 8. <input type="text" value="3/2"/> | 14. <input type="text" value="No"/> |
| 3. <input type="text" value="-2"/> | 9. <input type="text" value="Yes"/> | 15. <input type="text" value="3/4"/> |
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Step-by-Step Explanations

1. Start by naming the process: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Parallel lines share the slope: 3. So the final answer is 3.
2. A good way to think about this is: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $3 = \frac{3}{1} : -\frac{1}{3}$. So the final answer is $-\frac{1}{3}$.
3. Step by step: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Parallel keeps the slope: -2 . So the final answer is -2 .
4. Take it one move at a time: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $-2 : \frac{1}{2}$. So the final answer is $\frac{1}{2}$.
5. Start by naming the process: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Parallel keeps the slope: $\frac{1}{4}$. So the final answer is $\frac{1}{4}$.
6. A good way to think about this is: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $\frac{1}{4} : -4$. So the final answer is -4 .
7. Step by step: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $1 : -1$. So the final answer is -1 .
8. Take it one move at a time: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $-\frac{2}{3} : \frac{3}{2}$. So the final answer is $\frac{3}{2}$.
9. Start by naming the process: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Same slope 2, so yes, parallel. So the final answer is Yes.
10. A good way to think about this is: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Slopes 3 and $-\frac{1}{3}$ multiply to -1 , so yes. So the final answer is Yes.
11. Step by step: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Both have slope 1 (parallel, not perpendicular): no. So the final answer is No.
12. Take it one move at a time: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Parallel keeps the slope: -4 . So the final answer is -4 .
13. Start by naming the process: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $5 : -\frac{1}{5}$. So the final answer is $-\frac{1}{5}$.
14. A good way to think about this is: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Slopes 2 and -2 differ, so not parallel: no. So the final answer is No.
15. Step by step: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is A parallel road keeps the slope: $\frac{3}{4}$. So the final answer is $\frac{3}{4}$.
16. Take it one move at a time: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $\frac{2}{5} : -\frac{5}{2}$. So the final answer is $-\frac{5}{2}$.
17. Start by naming the process: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Flip and negate $\frac{1}{2} : -2$. So the final answer is -2 .
18. A good way to think about this is: Parallel lines keep the same slope; perpendicular lines use the opposite reciprocal slope. The setup/work is Slopes -1 and 1 multiply to -1 , so yes, perpendicular. So the final answer is Yes.



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