

What is the vertex of the function below?

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 6x + 8$$

Reminder on axis of symmetry:

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Find the vertex of the parabolas given by the equations below.

1.  $y = 3x^2 - 24x - 7$



2.  $y = x^2 + 6x + 3$



3.  $y = -2x^2 - 8x + 10$



4.  $y = 2x^2 - 16x + 1$



5.  $y = 3x^2 - 24x - 15$



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



7.  $y = -4x^2 + 8x - 1$

(1, 3)

8.  $y = 6x^2 + 12x + 6$

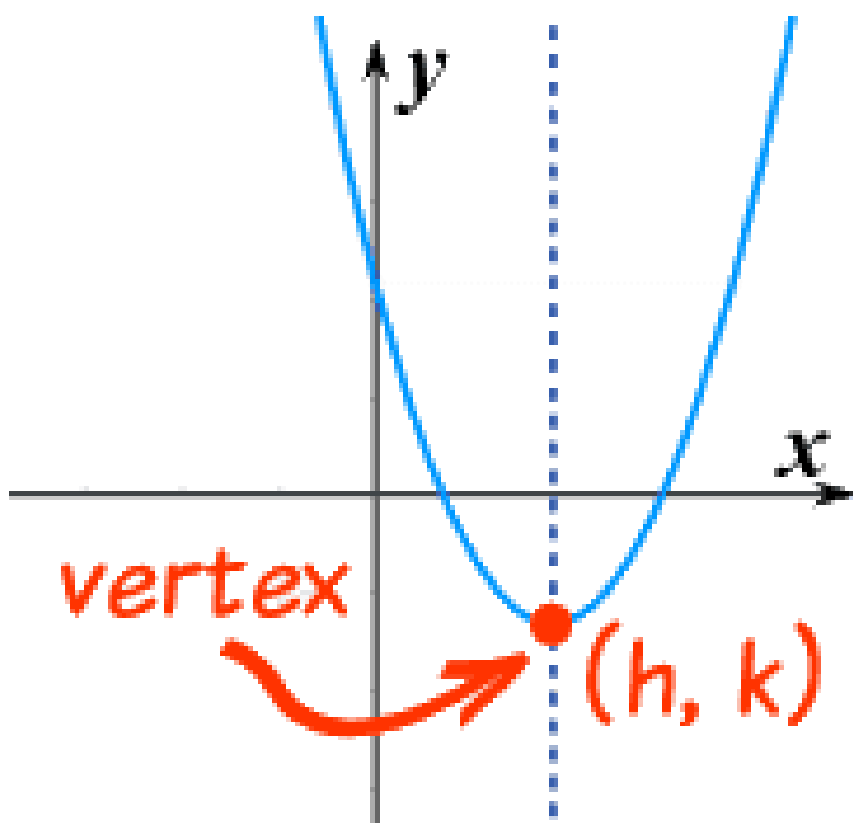
(-1, 0)

9.  $y = 2x^2 - 2x + 5$

(0.5, 4.5)

Recall

The vertex of a quadratic is identified by the ordered pair  $(h, k)$

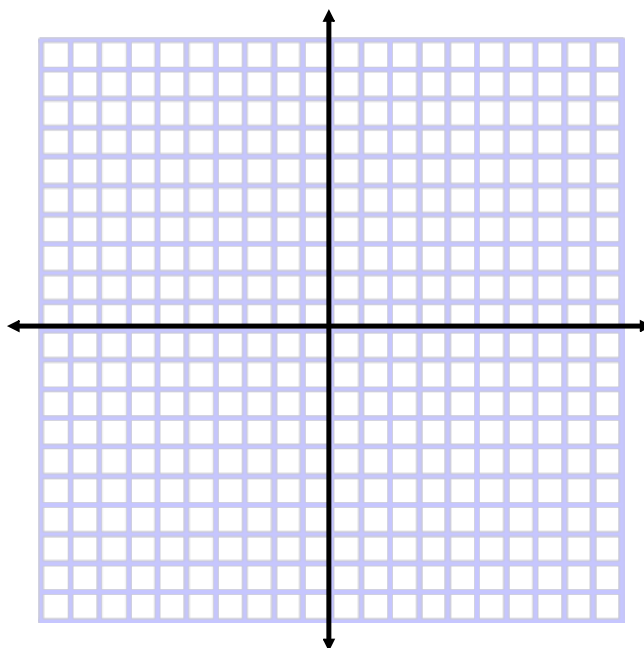


where  $h =$

$$\frac{-b}{2a}$$

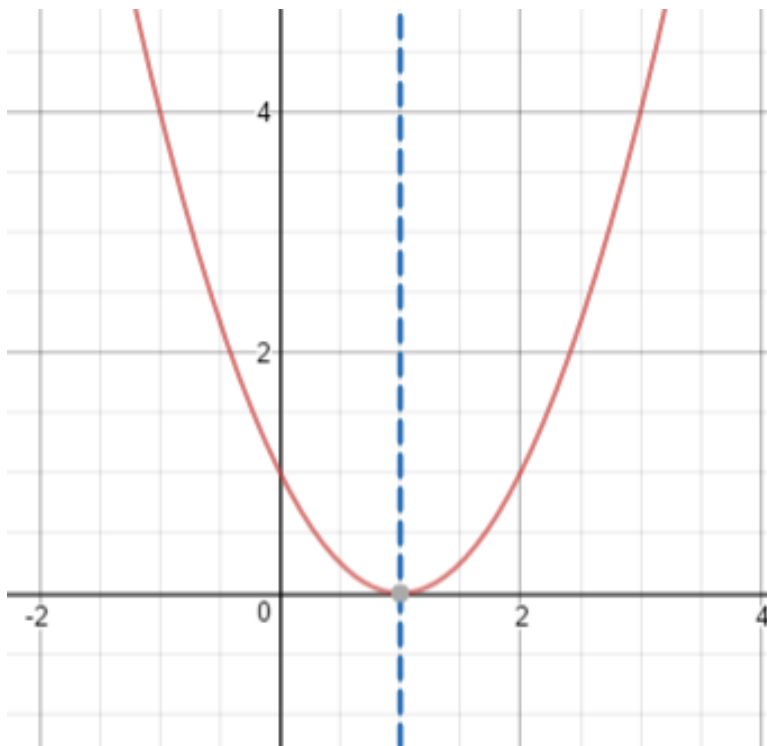
Almost all of the parabolas that we graph will have zeros, but if the parabola does not have a zero, pick an x-value and evaluate it in the function.

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 6x + 8$$



## Axis of Symmetry

$$x = 1$$



The axis of symmetry is an axis that shows the symmetry of a parabola.

It is an imaginary vertical line that "cuts the parabola in half," thus it always must pass through the vertex.

Because all parabolas are concave up/down, for parabolas, ALL axes of symmetry are vertical lines.

Thus, they are defined by the equation  $x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

## Axis of Symmetry

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

## Vertex Form

$$y = a(x - h) + k$$

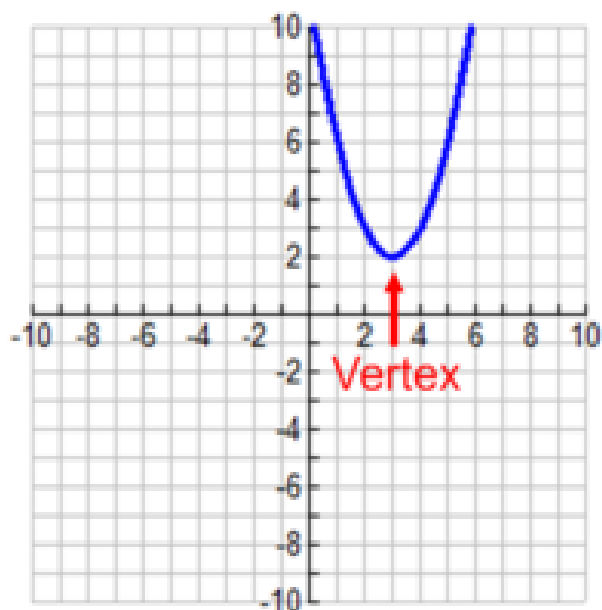
Vertex Form

$$y = (x - 3)^2 + 2$$

          ↑          ↑  
          h          k

Vertex: (h, k)

Vertex: (3, 2)





Translating to Standard Form is EASY!!!

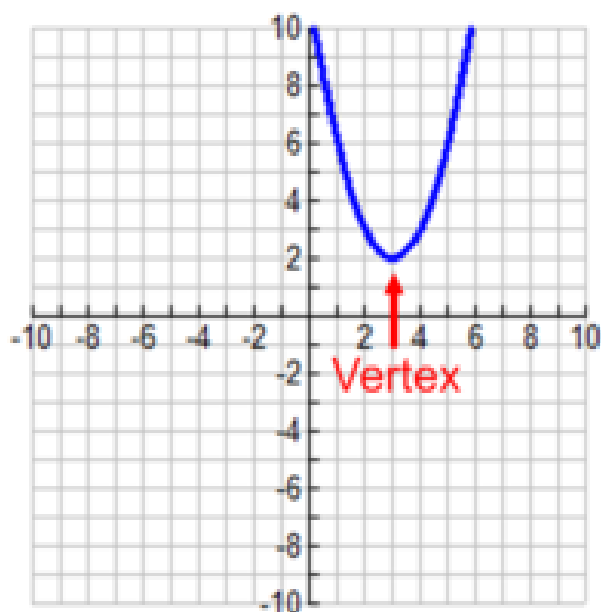
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          h          k

Vertex: (h, k)

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But how do we go from standard form back to vertex form algebraically!?!?!?

hmmm...

$$y = x^2 - 6x + 11$$

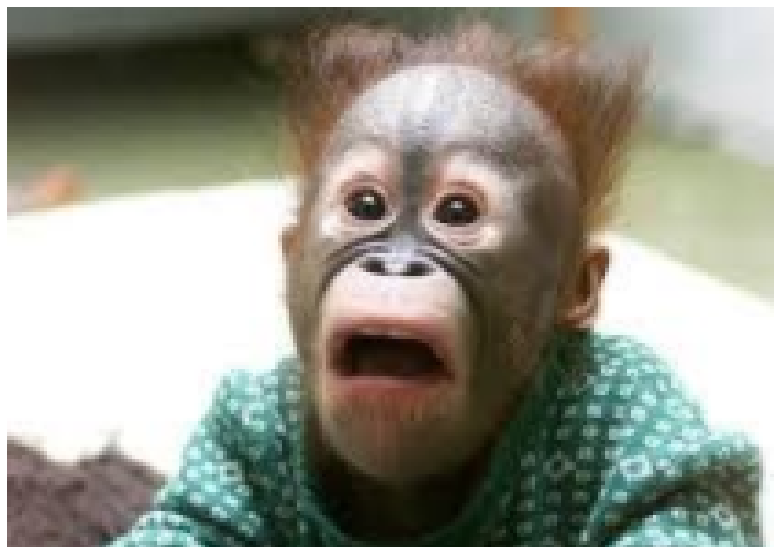


This is done by

**COMPLETING THE SQUARE!!!**

Before we complete the square, we've got to get our minds thinking of how to create PERFECT SQUARE TRINOMIALS!!!!

So we can create some perfect squares!!!!!!!!!!!!  
AND THEN COMPLETE THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Perfect Square Trinomials

$$4x^2 + 12x + 9$$

=

$$(2x + 3)^2$$

What value would you need  $k$  to be to make the quadratic a perfect square trinomial?

Ex: for  $f(x)=x^2-6x+k$   $k=9$  because half of  $-6$  is  $-3$  and  $(-3)^2=9$

1.)  $f(x)=x^2+8x+k$



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

3.)  $f(x)=4x^2+20x+k$

To create the perfect square trinomial AKA  
COMPLETING THE SQUARE,

if you have  $x^2 + bx$  you can complete the square  
by adding

$$\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$$

## Complete the Square

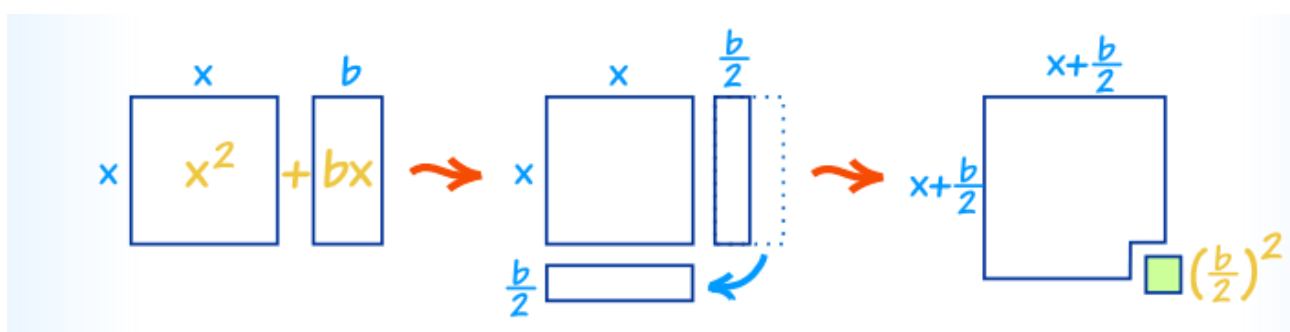
$$+ \left( \frac{b}{2} \right)^2$$

1.)  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + k$

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

3.)  $f(x) = 4x^2 + 20x + k$

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As you can see  $x^2 + bx$  can be rearranged *nearly* into a square ...

... and we can **complete the square** with  $(\frac{b}{2})^2$

In Algebra it looks like this:

$$x^2 + bx + (\frac{b}{2})^2 = (x + \frac{b}{2})^2$$

"Complete the Square"

So, by adding  $(\frac{b}{2})^2$  we can complete the square.

And  $(x + \frac{b}{2})^2$  has  $x$  only **once**, which is easier to use.



What is the value of  $c$  if  $x^2 - 24x + c$  is a perfect square?

What is the value of  $c$  if  $x^2 + 18x + c$  is a perfect square?

## Applying Completing the Square

Back to the task at hand!!! How can we change this back into Vertex Form!?

$$y = x^2 - 6x + 11$$

## Key Ways to Prevent Careless Errors!

1. ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS solve your equation so that you have  $x^2 + bx$  ALONE.
2. Notice in the statement above the first term is  $x^2$  NOT  $ax^2$ . You MUST GET RID OF  $a$ !!!
3. WHATEVER YOU DO TO ONE SIDE OF THE EQUATION, YOU MUST DO TO THE OTHER!

Complete the Square to Change into Vertex Form:

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x - 6$$

+6

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$$\frac{f(x)+6}{3} = \frac{3x^2+12x}{3}$$

$$\frac{f(x)+6}{3} = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

+4

$$\frac{f(x)+6}{3} + 4 = (x+2)^2 - 4$$

$$\frac{f(x)+6}{3} = 3(x+2)^2 - 4(3)$$

$$f(x)+6 = 3(x+2)^2 - 12$$

$$f(x) = 3(x+2)^2 - 18$$

$(-2, -18)$

You Try!

Complete the Square to Change into Vertex Form:

$$y = g^2 - 2g - 323$$

$$y = w^2 - 6w - 35$$

$$y = 3x^2 - 12x - 7$$