

C11 - 3.4 - Find Vertex Form Vertex Point Notes

Using the vertex and a point on the parabola, find the equation in Vertex Form.

Vertex: $(-1, -4)$ **and Point:** $(-2, -3)$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= a(x - p)^2 + q \\y &= a(x - (-1))^2 - 4 \\y &= a(x + 1)^2 - 4\end{aligned}$$

Write Vertex Form
Substitute Vertex for (p, q)
 $(-1, -4)$

$$\begin{aligned}-3 &= a(-2 + 1)^2 - 4 \\-3 &= a(-1)^2 - 4 \\-3 &= 1a - 4 \\+4 &\quad +4 \\1 &= 1a \\1 &= \frac{1a}{1} \\1 &= a \\a &= 1\end{aligned}$$

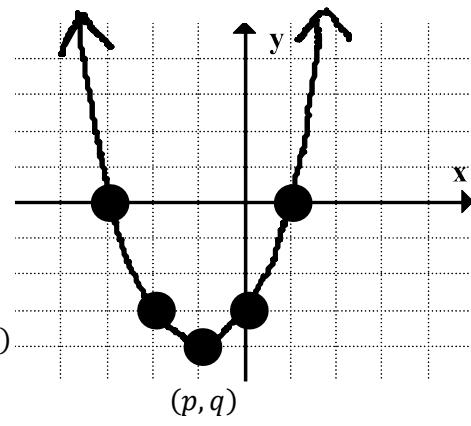
$$y = 1(x + 1)^2 - 4$$

Substitute (x, y)
 $(-2, -3)$

Draw on Graph

(x, y)
 $(-2, -3)$

$$y = a(x - p)^2 + q$$



Solve for a .

Substitute 'a' and Vertex into Vertex Form

$(-1, -4)$

Vertex: $(3, -2)$ **and** $x - \text{intercept} = 4$ $(4, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= a(x - p)^2 + q \\y &= a(x - (3))^2 - 2 \\y &= a(x - 3)^2 - 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= a(4 - 3)^2 - 2 \\0 &= a(1)^2 - 2 \\0 &= 1a - 2 \\+2 &\quad +2 \\2 &= a \\a &= 2\end{aligned}$$

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

Draw on Graph

Check on Graphing
Calculator Table of
Values

