

<u>Finding the Vertex from Standard Form</u>	<u>Vertex Form</u>
$y = ax^2 + bx + c$ <p>x-coordinate of the vertex: <math>h = -\frac{b}{2a}</math></p> <p>y-coordinate of the vertex: <math>k =</math> substitute <math>h</math> in for <math>x</math> and solve for <math>y</math>!</p> <p>Vertex: <math>(h, k)</math></p> <p>Opens Up with <math>+a</math>; Opens Down with <math>-a</math></p>	$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ <p>Vertex @ <math>(h, k)</math></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <math>h</math> is a shift left/right</li> <li>⇒ <math>k</math> is a shift up/down</li> <li>⇒ <math>a</math> is a stretch/shrink</li> <li>⇒ <math>+a</math> opens up</li> <li>⇒ <math>-a</math> opens down</li> </ul>

Example 1 Identify the vertex. Describe the quadratic function.

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

b)  $y = 2(x + 4)^2 + 7$

Example 2 Mia tosses a ball to her dog. The function  $f(x) = -0.5(x - 2)^2 + 8$  represents the ball's path. At what time does the ball reach its maximum height? What is the maximum height?

Example 3 Find the vertex. Rewrite the quadratic function in vertex form. Describe the quadratic function.

a)  $y = x^2 - 6x + 12$

b)  $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 6$

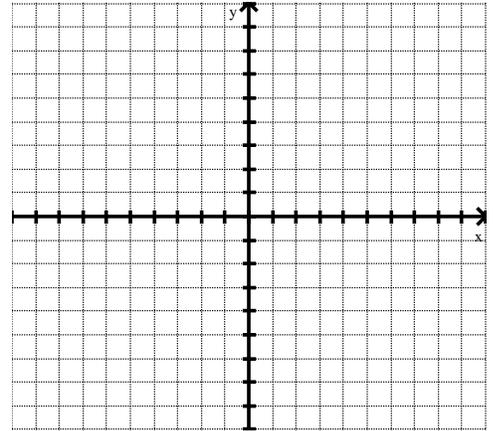
Example 4 A banner is hung for a party. The distance from the point on the edge of the banner to the floor can be determined by using the function  $f(x) = 0.25x^2 - x + 9.5$ , where  $x$  is the distance from the left end of the banner. How high above the floor is the lowest point on the bottom edge of the banner?



**Example 5** Find the vertex. Write the quadratic function in vertex form. Fill in the table of values and graph.

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

x	Show your work	y



b.  $y = -x^2 + 2x + 3$

x	Show your work	y

Vertex Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Domain: \_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Vertex: \_\_\_\_\_ Min / Max ?

Axis of Symmetry: \_\_\_\_\_

Interval of Increase: \_\_\_\_\_

Interval of Decrease: \_\_\_\_\_

Zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

