Subject: Maths

Topic: Graphs and Graph Transformations

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Coordinates	Written in pairs. The first term is the x-coordinate (movement across). The second term is the y-coordinate (movement up or down)	A: (4,7) B: (-6,-3) B: (-6,-3)
2. Linear Graph	Straight line graph. The equation of a linear graph can contain	Example: Other examples:
	an x-term , a y-term and a number .	$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
3. Quadratic Graph	A 'U-shaped' curve called a parabola. The equation is of the form	y ↑ y = x²-4x-5
	$y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where a, b and c are numbers, $a \neq 0$.	-1
	If $a < 0$, the parabola is upside down .	(2, 9)
4. Cubic Graph	The equation is of the form $y = ax^3 + k$, where k is an number.	a>0 a<0
	If $a > 0$, the curve is increasing . If $a < 0$, the curve is decreasing .	
5. Reciprocal Graph	The equation is of the form $y = \frac{A}{x}$, where A	y †
Grapii	is a number and $x \neq 0$. The graph has asymptotes on the x-axis	y = 1/x
	and y-axis.	0 x*
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6. Asymptote	A straight line that a graph approaches but never touches .	
		horizontal asymptote
		vertical asymptote

7. Exponential Graph	The equation is of the form $y = a^x$, where a is a number called the base . If $a > 1$ the graph increases . If $0 < a < 1$, the graph decreases . The graph has an asymptote which is the	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
$8. y = \sin x$	x-axis . Key Coordinates: (0,0), (90,1), (180,0), (270,-1), (360,0)	y 1.0 graph of $y = \sin \theta$
	y is never more than 1 or less than -1. Pattern repeats every 360°.	1.0
$9. y = \cos x$	Key Coordinates:	graph of $y = cosine \theta$
3. y = cosx	(0,1), (90,0), (180,-1), (270,0), (360,1) y is never more than 1 or less than -1.	
	Pattern repeats every 360°.	1.0
$10. y = \tan x$	Key Coordinates: (0,0), (45,1), (135,-1), (180,0), (225,1), (315,-1), (360,0)	graph of y = tan θ
	Asymptotes at $x = 90$ and $x = 270$ Pattern repeats every 360°.	90° 180° 270° 360° 450° 540° 630° 720°
11. f(x) + a	Vertical translation up a units. $\binom{0}{a}$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
12. f(x+a)	Horizontal translation <u>left</u> a units. $\begin{pmatrix} -a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
13f(x)	Reflection over the x-axis.	3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 x - f(x) MathBits.com
14. <i>f</i> (- <i>x</i>)	Reflection over the y-axis.	f(x) f(x) 5 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 x

