## Equation of a Line in Slope Y-Intercept Form

**Example 1**: Determine the slope and y-intercept of each line. Then determine the equation of each linear relation.



**Example 2**: Given the slope and y-intercept, write an equation of the linear relation and then graph the line.



$$_{d.} m = 5, b = 2$$

Therefore the equation of a line can be written in slope y-intercept form

$$y = mx + b$$

where m is the slope and b in the y-intercept.

## **Special Cases:**

A. Horizontal Lines

- The slope of a horizontal line is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Putting that slope into the equation y = mx + b, we get y = 0x + b

 $\therefore$  is the equation of a horizontal line.

## **B. Vertical Lines**

• The slope of a vertical line does not exist. We call this \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 $\therefore$  We cannot use slope y-intercept form for vertical lines.

• Vertical lines are written in the form of , where 'a' is the x-intercept.



**Example 3** (interpreting graphs): The distance time graph of a person walking in front of a motion sensor is shown below.

7Ť a. How far from the sensor did the person start walking? 6 5 b. How fast did the person walk? 4 c. Did the person walk away or 3. towards the sensor? 2 1 d. What is happening after 5 seconds? ź 3



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