

Use the graph of the quadratic function to answer the following questions. Write explanations in complete sentences.

1. What is the vertex of the parabola?

Vertex =  $(-2, -9)$

2. Is the vertex a maximum or minimum? Explain.

Minimum. All the  $y$ -values on the graph are greater than or equal to  $-9$ .

3. What is the axis of symmetry for the parabola?

$x = -2$

4. What is the  $y$ -intercept of the parabola?

$y$ -intercept =  $(0, -5)$

5. What are the zeros or  $x$ -intercepts of the parabola?

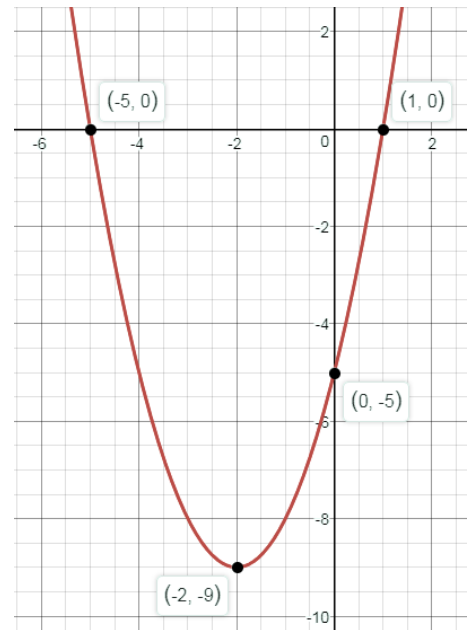
$(-5, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$

6. Is the value of ' $a$ ' positive or negative? How do you know?

The ' $a$ ' is positive because the parabola opens upward.

7. Is the value of ' $c$ ' positive or negative? How do you know?

The ' $c$ ' is negative because the parabola is shifted downwards from the  $x$ -axis.



Use your notes to answer each of the following questions about quadratic functions. Write explanations in complete sentences.

8. What is the definition of a quadratic function?

A function where the highest degree or exponent is squared ( $x^2$ ).

9. What is the quadratic parent function?

$y = x^2$

10. What is the standard form for a quadratic function?

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a \neq 0$ .

11. What are 2 - 3 things the ' $a$ ' value does to the parabola of a quadratic function?

The ' $a$ ' value determines if the parabola opens up or down. It also determines if the parabola is narrow or wide.

12. When a quadratic function is written in standard form what does the ' $b$ ' value do to the parabola?

The ' $b$ ' value changes the axis of symmetry.

13. What is the formula for the axis of symmetry when a quadratic is written in standard form?

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

14. What is the vertex form for a quadratic function?

$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

15. What does the 'h' value represent in the vertex form of a quadratic function? How does the expression  $(x \pm h)$  affect the parabola?

The 'h' is the x-coordinate of the vertex and also the axis of symmetry. If the expression is written as  $(x - h)$ , the parabola shifts to the right h units. If the expression  $(x + h)$ , the parabola shifts to the left h units.

16. What does the 'k' value represent in the vertex form of a quadratic function? How does the 'k' value affect the parabola?

The 'k' is the y-coordinate of the vertex. If k is positive, the parabola moves up k units. If k is negative, the parabola moves down k units.

Complete the table for each quadratic function and graph the parabola.

17.  $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$  Vertex = (1, -4)

18.  $y = (x + 2)^2 - 4$  Vertex = (-2, -4)

x	$y = x^2 - 2x - 3$	(x, y)
-1	$1 + 2 - 3 = 0$	(-1, 0)
0	$0 - 0 - 3 = -3$	(0, -3)
1	$1 - 2 - 3 = -4$	(1, -4)
2	$4 - 4 - 3 = -3$	(2, -3)
3	$9 - 6 - 3 = 0$	(3, 0)

x	$y = (x + 2)^2 - 4$	(x, y)
-4	$4 - 4 = 0$	(-4, 0)
-3	$1 - 4 = -3$	(-3, -3)
-2	$0 - 4 = -4$	(-2, -4)
-1	$1 - 4 = -3$	(-1, -3)
0	$4 - 4 = 0$	(0, 0)

