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For the linear equation $y = -2x + 7$,

- 1) Find the slope and the y-intercept. Give the y-intercept as a point.

The slope is -2 and the y-intercept is $(0, 7)$

- 2) Find the equation of a line which is parallel to this one and passes through $(-1, 5)$

The slope of the parallel line is also -2 . There are now two ways you could find the equation:

- Method using the slope-intercept form: since the slope is -2 we know that the equation has the form $y = -2x + b$ and we use the given point to find b

$$5 = -2(-1) + b$$

$$5 = 2 + b$$

$$3 = b$$

So the equation of the parallel line is $y = -2x + 3$

- Method using the point-slope form of the line: There are two versions of the point-slope form. The more common one is $y - y_A = m(x - x_A)$, or the alternate version which is used in the WeBWorK solutions, which is $y = m(x - x_A) + y_A$. I will use the second one here.

$$y = -2(x - (-1)) + 5$$

$$y = -2(x + 1) + 5$$

$$y = -2x - 2 + 5$$

$$y = -2x + 3$$

- 3) Find the equation of a line which is perpendicular to this one and passes through $(6, 1)$
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The slope of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{2}$

I will show how to use the slope-intercept form here:

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + b$$

$$1 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(6) + b$$

$$1 = -3 + b$$

$$4 = b$$

So the equation of the perpendicular line is $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$
