

Challenge: Skills and Applications

For use with pages 218–224

Write an equation of the line with the given x - and y -intercepts.

Example: x -intercept: 6
 y -intercept: 4

Solution: Multiply $6 \cdot 4 = 24$.
 The equation is $4x + 6y = 24$.
 This can be simplified to $2x + 3y = 12$.
 Check: $2(6) + 3(0) = 12$ yes
 $2(0) + 3(4) = 12$ yes

- x -intercept: 3, y -intercept: 5
- x -intercept: 8, y -intercept: 4
- x -intercept: 9, y -intercept: 6
- x -intercept: 7, y -intercept: 5
- Find a Pattern** Write an equation of the line with x -intercept a and y -intercept b .
- Explain why the first step of the example is to multiply the x - and y -intercepts. Why does this work?

In Exercises 7–11, use the following information.

Steve is making crafts to sell at a benefit. It takes him $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to make a trivet and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to make a wooden spoon. He has 3 hours to work.

- Write an equation to show the relationship between how many trivets and how many spoons Steve can make in 3 hours.
- Graph the function from Exercise 7.
- What is the x -intercept? What does it represent in this situation?
- What is the y -intercept? What does it represent in this situation?
- What are possible numbers of trivets and spoons Steve can make if he makes at least one of each?