

Function notation.

- $f(x), g(x), h(x)$
- you can use any letter except the one that is representing your variable (x)
- $f(x)=5x+3$ is the same as $y=5x+3$
↪ slope yint
- $f(\#)$ means that you are going to substitute the given # into each x in your function

Given $f(x)=2x-3$ $f(\underline{x}) \rightarrow f(\underline{3})$

Evaluate $f(3)$ this is saying plug 3 in for x

$$f(3) = 2(3) - 3 = 6 - 3 = 3$$

Evaluate $f(j)$

$$f(j) = 2j - 3$$

Now you try.

Given $g(x) = -2x^2 + 5$

Evaluate $g(3)$

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$$-2(3)^2 + 5$$

$$-2(9) + 5$$

$$-18 + 5$$

$$\boxed{-13}$$

Given $f(x) = -x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4$

Evaluate $f(-1)$

$$-(-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 + (-1) - 4$$

$$-(-1) - 2(1) - 1 - 4 = 1 - 2 - 1 - 4 = \boxed{-6}$$

Evaluating with an expression.

Given $f(x) = 2x - 3$

Evaluate for $f(5x)$

This may seem harder on the surface, but you still just replace the x in the f function with " $5x$ "

$$\begin{aligned} f(5x) &= 2(5x) - 3 \\ &= 10x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Function Notation - Algebra Refresher

Given $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4$

Evaluate $f(2x+1)$

$$3(2x+1)^2 - 4$$

$$3(4x^2 + 4x + 1) - 4$$

$$12x^2 + 12x + 3 - 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x+1)(2x+1) \\ & 4x^2 + 2x + 2x + 1 \\ & \underline{4x^2 + 4x + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 12x^2 + 12x - 1$$