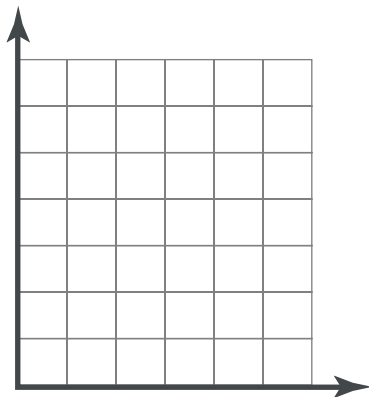## 4-3 ▸ Graphing a Function Rule

OBJECTIVE: I can graph equations that represent functions

Warm-Up

You are paying to print pictures from your digital camera at the photo shop. You choose one size for all your prints. What is one possible graph of the relationship between the total cost and the number of pictures you print?

PRINTS	SIZE	PRICE
	8 X 10	$3.99
	6 X 8	$1.99
	5 X 7	$ .99
	4 X 6	$ .49

Essential Understanding The set of all solutions of an equation forms the equation's graph. A graph may include solutions that do not appear in a table. A real-world graph should only show points that make sense in the given situation.
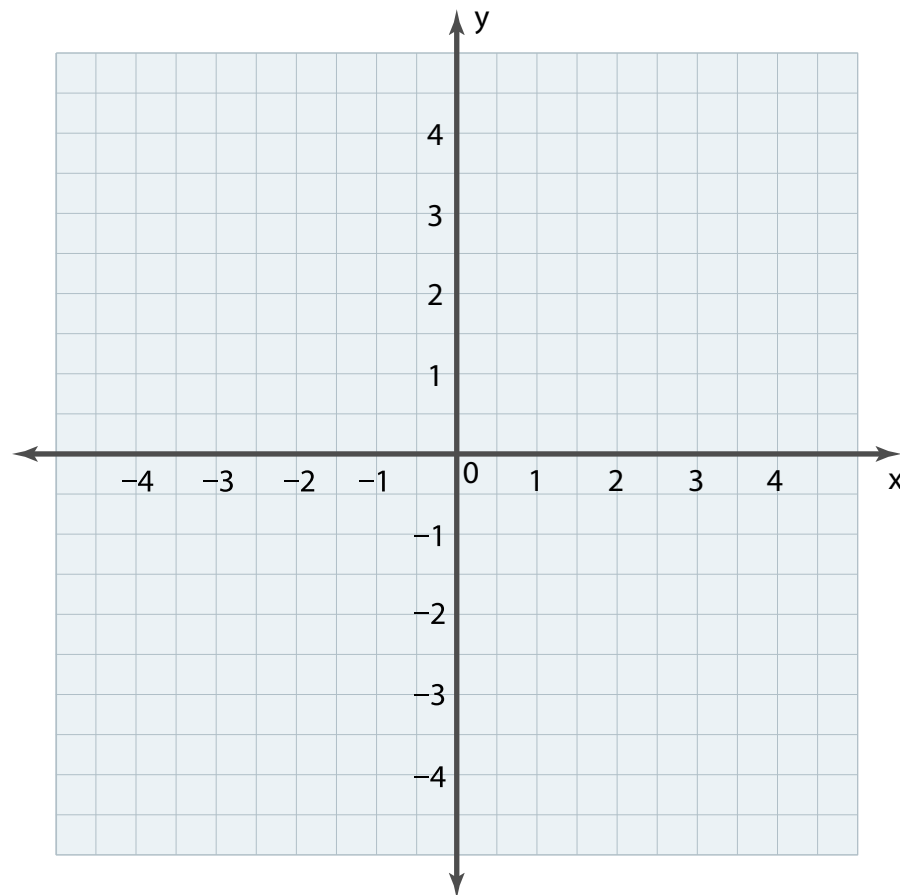
Example #1 Graphing a Function Rule

What is the graph of the function rule $y = -2x + 1$?

Step 1 Make a table of values

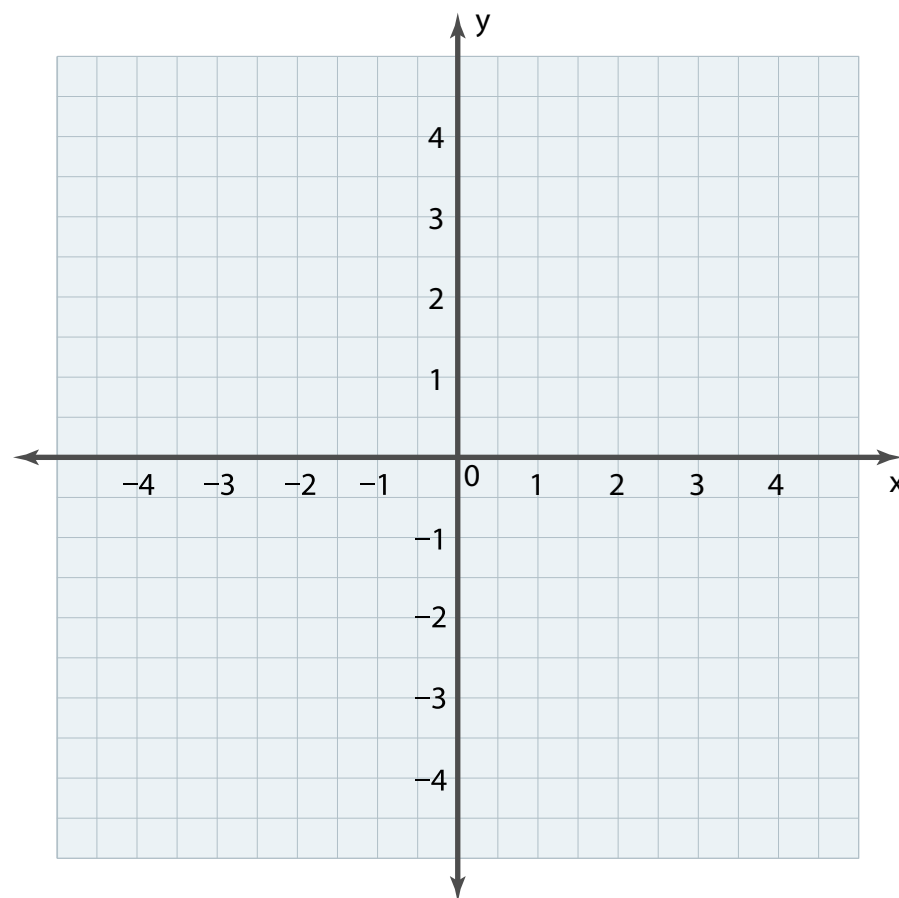| x	y = −2x + 1	(x , y)
−2		
−1		
0		
1		
2		

Step 2 Graph the ordered pairs.

1. What is the graph of the function rule $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 1$?

x	$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 1$	(x , y)
−2		
−1		
0		
1		
2		

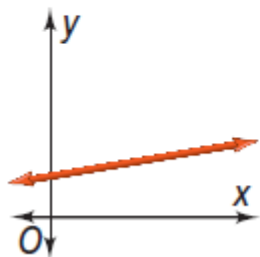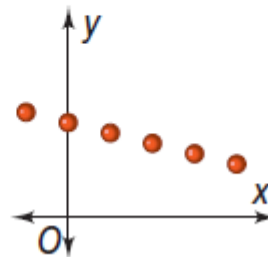**Key Concept:**

Continuous Graph

A **continuous graph** is a graph that is unbroken.

Discrete Graph

A **discrete graph** is composed of distinct, isolated points.

#3 Identifying Continuous and Discrete Graphs

Farmer's Market A local cheese maker is making cheddar cheese to sell at a farmer's market. The amount of milk used to make the cheese and the price at which he sells the cheese are shown. Write a function for each situation. Graph each function. Is the graph continuous or discrete?
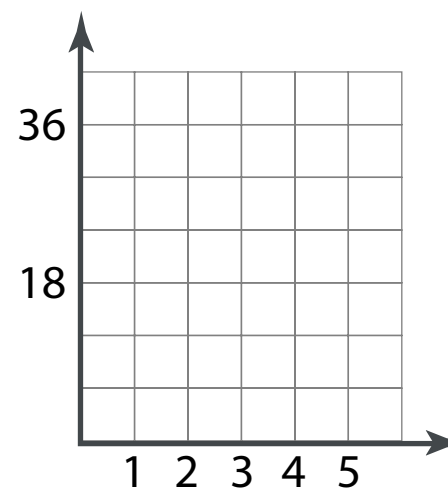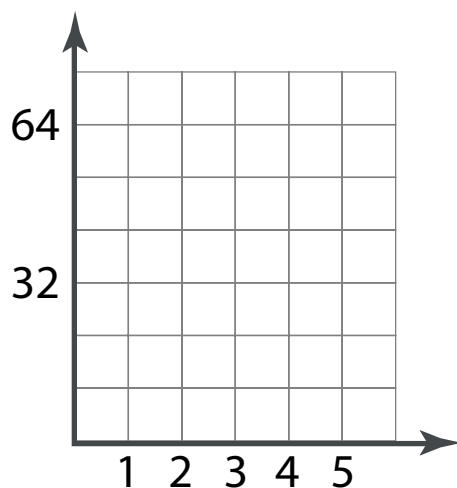
1 gal of milk makes 16 oz of cheddar cheese.

Each wheel of cheddar cheese costs $9.

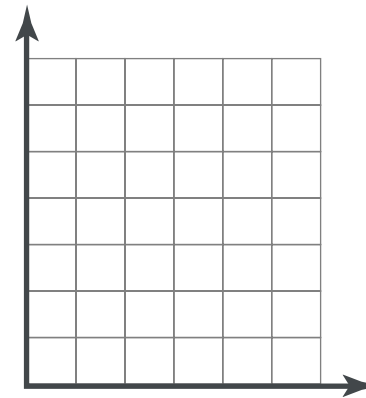| m				
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3. Graph the function rule. Is the graph continuous or discrete?

a. The amount of water w in a wading pool, in gallons, depends on the amount of time t, in minutes, the wading pool has been filling, as related by the function rule $w = 3t$.

t				
w				

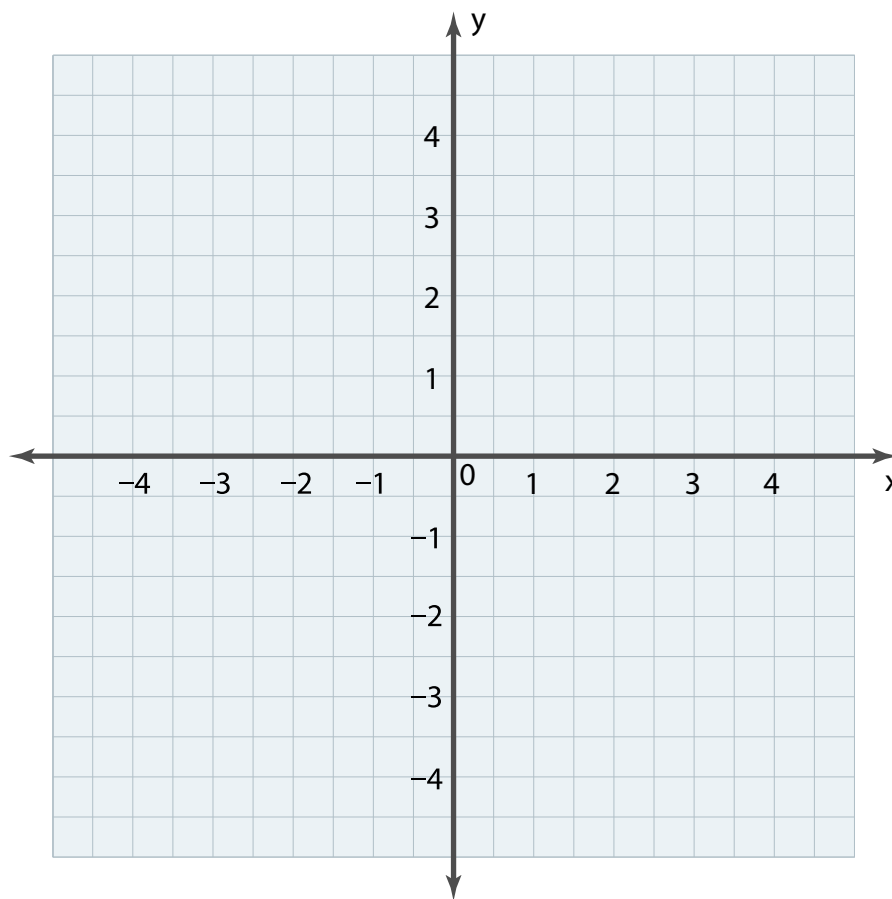**Example** #4 Graphing Nonlinear Function Rules

What is the graph of each function rule?

$y = |x| - 4$

x	$y = |x| - 4$	(x , y)
−2		
−1		
0		
1		
2		

What is the graph of each function rule?

$y = x^2 + 1$

x	$y = x^2 + 1$	(x , y)
−2		
−1		
0		
1		
2		