

Reflections in the Coordinate Grid

To reflect point P across line l, draw a line segment from point P that is perpendicular* to line l. Continue the line segment. The reflected point P' is at the same distance from line l as P, just on the other side.

In other words, in a reflection, each point and its image are at an equal distance from the line of reflection, measured along a line that is perpendicular to the line of reflection.

*Two lines or line segments are *perpendicular* if they meet at a right angle.

1. **a.** Reflect the points across line *s*.



- 2. **a.** Draw a vertical line that passes through the point (2, 0).
 - **b.** Draw the points P(1, 2), R(3, 1), and Q(5, 4).
 - **c.** Reflect each point across the line. Label the reflected points as P', R', and Q'.
 - **d.** Lastly, connect P, Q, and R to form a triangle, and also P', Q', and R'.



b. Reflect the figures across line *t*.







- 3. James says that figure 2 is congruent to figure 1 because it is a reflection of figure 1 across the horizontal line L.
 - **a.** Explain why James's thinking is wrong.



4. Reflect the points listed below in the *x*-axis. Write down the coordinates of the reflected points:

 $\mathrm{H}\left(-2,3\right) \rightarrow \ \mathrm{H}^{\prime}\left(\ _ \ , \ _ \)$

- $I(1,-1) \rightarrow I'(__,__)$
- $J(3,5) \rightarrow J'(\underline{\qquad},\underline{\qquad})$

 $K(-5,-4) \rightarrow K'(\underline{\qquad},\underline{\qquad})$

Compare the coordinates of each point and its image. What do you notice?



5. Pentagon MNOPQ with vertices at M(-3, 1), N(-1, 4), O(3, 4), P(5, 1), and Q(0, -1) is reflected across the *x*-axis. What are the coordinates of the vertices of the reflected figure?





