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## Key Features of Function Graphs

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**Intercepts** are the locations (points) where the graph crosses (or touches) either the x-axis or y-axis.

**Increasing:** a function is increasing, the graph has a positive slope.

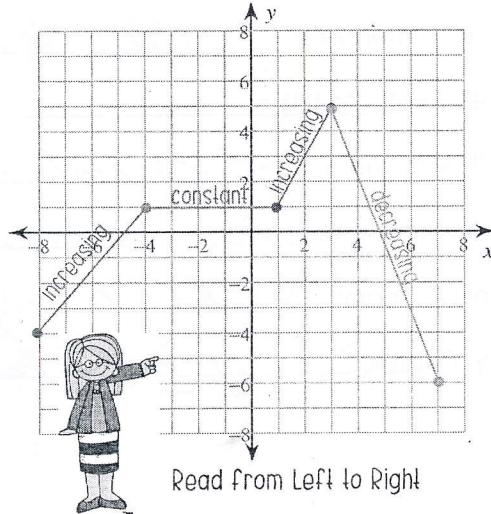
**Decreasing:** A function is decreasing  
the graph has a negative slope.

**Example:**

The function is increasing on the x-intervals  $(-8, -4)$  and  $(1, 3)$ .

The function is decreasing on the x-interval  $(3, 7)$ .

The function is constant on the x-interval  $(-4, 1)$ .



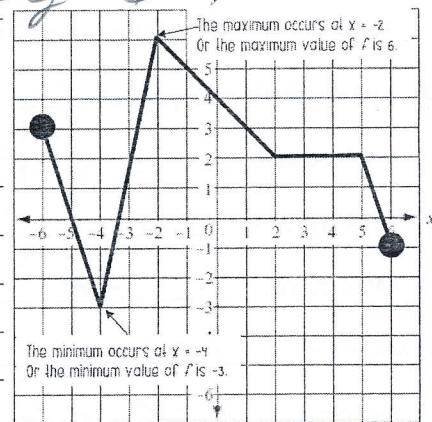
Domain: the x-values  $-6 \leq x \leq 6$

Range: the y-values  $-3 \leq y \leq 6$

Axis of symmetry: a line through a shape so that each side is a mirror image.

The maximum of a function is the largest function value, at 6

The minimum of a function is the smallest function value, at -3



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1. Find the key features of the function  $f(x)$ , graphed here.

a) Is the graph increasing or decreasing from  $x = -2$  to  $x = 0$ ? decreasing

b) Is the graph increasing or decreasing from  $2 < x < 3$ ? increasing

c) x-intercept: (-1, 0) & (2, 0)

d) y-intercept: (0, -2)

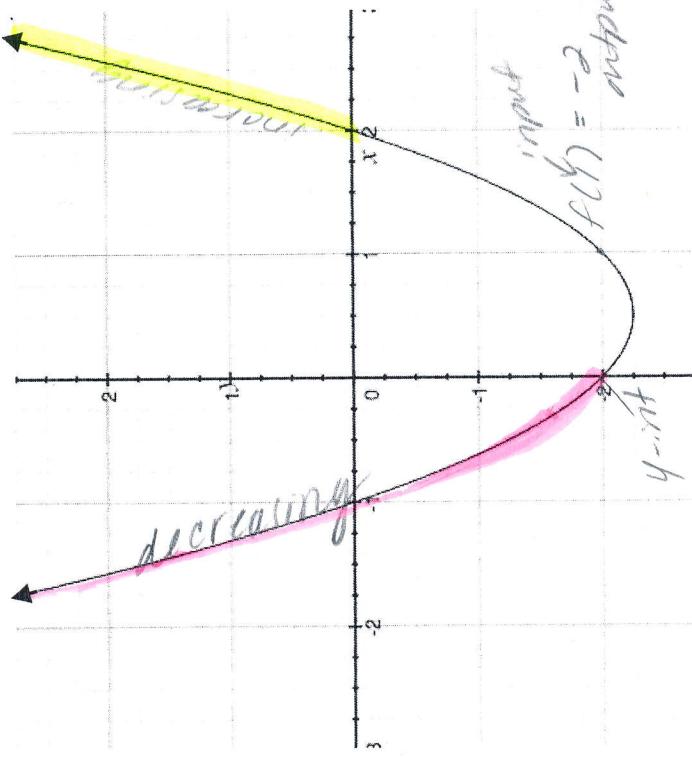
e) Evaluate  $f(1) = \underline{-2}$

f) Maximum: does not have one

g) Minimum: the minimum is at  $-2.25$

h) Domain: all real #'s

i) Range:  $y \geq -2.25$  or  $[-2.25, \infty)$



2. Find the key features of the function  $g(x)$  to the right.

a) Where is the graph increasing? near increasing

b) y-intercept: (0, -6)

c) x-intercept: (-2, 0)

d) Find  $g(-3) = \underline{1}$

e) Maximum: at 2

f) Minimum: there is no minimum

g) Domain: all real #'s

h) Range:  $y \leq 2$  or  $(-\infty, 2]$

