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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the general shape of the graph of an absolute value function?

Hint: Think about the basic geometric shape that represents absolute value.

- A) Linear
- B) Parabolic
- C) V-shaped
- D) Circular

Which of the following are characteristics of the graph of an absolute value function?

Hint: Consider the properties that define the graph's appearance.

- A) It has a vertex.
- B) It is symmetric about the y-axis.
- C) It is always increasing.
- D) It is V-shaped.

Explain what the vertex of an absolute value function represents in the context of its graph.

Hint: Think about the point where the graph changes direction.

List the parameters in the vertex form of an absolute value function $f(x) = a|x - h| + k$ and describe their roles.

Hint: Consider how each parameter affects the graph's position and shape.

1. a:

2. h:

3. k:

Part 2: comprehension and Application

If the vertex form of an absolute value function is $f(x) = 2|x + 3| - 4$, what is the vertex of the graph?

Hint: Identify the values of h and k in the vertex form.

- A) (-3, -4)
- B) (3, 4)
- C) (-3, 4)
- D) (3, -4)

How does the graph of $f(x) = -|x|$ differ from the graph of $f(x) = |x|$?

Hint: Consider the effects of the negative sign on the graph.

- A) It is shifted downwards.
- B) It is reflected across the x-axis.
- C) It is wider.
- D) It is narrower.

Graph the function $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}|x - 4| + 2$ and describe the transformations applied to the parent function $f(x) = |x|$.

Hint: Consider the effects of the coefficients and constants on the graph.

Which transformations are applied to the graph of $f(x) = |x|$ to obtain $f(x) = 2|x + 1| - 3$?

Hint: Think about how each parameter affects the graph's position and shape.

- A) Vertical stretch by a factor of 2
- B) Horizontal shift left by 1 unit
- C) Vertical shift down by 3 units
- D) Reflection across the x-axis

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

If the graph of an absolute value function opens downwards and has a vertex at $(2, -3)$, which of the following could be its equation?

Hint: Consider the implications of the vertex's position and the direction of opening.

- A) $f(x) = -|x - 2| - 3$
- B) $f(x) = -|x - 2| + 3$
- C) $f(x) = |x - 2| - 3$
- D) $f(x) = -|x + 2| - 3$

Analyze the function $f(x) = -3|x + 2| + 5$. Which of the following statements are true?

Hint: Consider the effects of the coefficients and constants on the graph.

- A) The graph is reflected across the x-axis.
- B) The vertex is at $(-2, 5)$.
- C) The graph is compressed vertically.
- D) The graph is shifted 5 units up.

Compare and contrast the graphs of $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |x - 4| + 2$. Discuss the transformations involved.

Hint: Think about how the transformations affect the position and shape of the graphs.

Which of the following functions represents a graph that is both vertically stretched and shifted downwards?

Hint: Consider the effects of the coefficients and constants on the graph.

- A) $f(x) = 2|x| + 3$
- B) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x| - 4$
- C) $f(x) = 3|x| - 2$
- D) $f(x) = -2|x| + 1$

Design a function that has a vertex at (1, -2) and opens upwards. Which of the following could be correct?

Hint: Consider the implications of the vertex's position and the direction of opening.

- A) $f(x) = |x - 1| - 2$
- B) $f(x) = 2|x - 1| - 2$
- C) $f(x) = -|x - 1| + 2$
- D) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x - 1| - 2$

Create an absolute value function that has a vertex at (-3, 4), opens downwards, and is vertically compressed. Provide the equation and describe the transformations applied.

Hint: Think about how to structure the equation to meet the criteria.