

Exploring Transformations Review from Math 3 Activity

Directions: Using desmos (www.desmos.com), explore the different transformations of the parent function $y = x^2$.

- **Step 1:** Plot the function $y = x^2$ in the top #1 spot. (This function will stay here. The rest of the functions will be plot in the #2 spot.)
- **Step 2:** Keeping $y = x^2$ in the first spot, graph the function $y = x^2 + a$. Add a slider to a and move it around to see what happens to the graph

What do you notice happens to the graph when a is positive? When a is negative? it changes the graphs location. goes up & down

Name of Transformation: vertical shift

- **Step 3:** Graph the function $y = (x + a)^2$. Add a slider to a and move it around.

What do you notice happens to the graph when a is positive? When a is negative? changes the graphs location. moves right and left.

Name of Transformation: horizontal shift.

- **Step 4:** Graph the function $y = (ax)^2$. Add a slider to a and move it around.

What do you notice happens to the graph when a is between -1 and 1? When $a > 1$ and $a < -1$? "a" shrinks (compress) or stretches graph

Name of transformation: horizontal compression

- **Step 5:** Graph the function $y = -ax^2$. Add a slider to a.

What do you notice happens to the graph when a is negative?

flips over the x-axis

Name of transformation: reflection over x-axis

- **Step 6:** Graph the function $y = a(x)^2$. Add a slider to a and move it around.

What do you notice happens to the graph when a is between -1 and 1? When $a > 1$ and $a < -1$?

a graphs shrinks or stretches.

Name of transformation: vertical stretch or shrink

graph transforms
opposite of what you
would think it should

Describe the transformations of the following functions from left to right:

1. $f(x) = -3\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 2\right)^2 - 6$

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

$f(x) = -3\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 4\right)^2 - 6$

2. $a(x) = \frac{1}{2}|2x + 1| - 3$

① ② ③ ④

$a(x) = \frac{1}{2}|2(x + \frac{1}{2})| - 3$

3. $g(x) = -4\sqrt{4x + 1} - 4$

See below

4. $f(x) = 8\left(\frac{2}{3}(x - 4)\right)^3 + 5$

See below

5. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}\left(4x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 9$

①

- ① flip over x -axis
- ② vertical stretch of 3
- ③ horizontal stretch of 2
- ④ left 4
- ⑤ down 6

②

- ① vertical shrink of $\frac{1}{2}$
- ② horizontal shrink of $\frac{1}{2}$
- ③ left $\frac{1}{2}$
- ④ down 3

③ $g(x) = -4\sqrt{4(x + \frac{1}{4})} - 4$

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

- ① flip over x -axis
- ② vert. stretch of 4
- ③ horizontal shrink of $\frac{1}{4}$
- ④ left $\frac{1}{4}$
- ⑤ down 4

④ $f(x) = 8\left(\frac{2}{3}(x - 4)\right)^3 + 5$

① ② ③ ④

- ① vert. stretch of 8
- ② horizontal stretch of $\frac{3}{2}$
- ③ right 4
- ④ up 5

⑤ $f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}\left(4\left(x + \frac{1}{8}\right)\right)^2 - 9$

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

- ① flip over x -axis
- ② vertical shrink of $\frac{1}{3}$
- ③ horizontal shrink of $\frac{1}{4}$
- ④ left $\frac{1}{8}$
- ⑤ down 9