# **Unit 6 Glossary Terms**

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### <u>parabola</u>

A parabola is the set of points that are equidistant from a given point, called the *focus*, and a given line, called the *directrix*.



## Point-slope form

The form of an equation for a line with slope m through the point (h, k). Point-slope form is usually written as y - k = m(x - h). It can also be written as y = k + m(x - h).

#### <u>opposite</u>

Two numbers are opposites of each other if they are the same distance from 0 on the number line, but on opposite sides.

The opposite of 3 is -3 and the opposite of -5 is 5.

#### reciprocal

If *p* is a rational number that is not zero, then the reciprocal of *p* is the number  $\frac{1}{p}$ .

# <u>Median (geometry)</u>

A line from a vertex of a triangle to the midpoint of the opposite side. Each dashed line in the image is a median.

