

The Coordinate Plane

5th Grade

Two axes, four quadrants, and the order that never changes.

A pair of numbers pins down exactly one point. The order is not negotiable.

1 START AT THE ORIGIN

(0, 0), where the two axes cross.

2 X FIRST — ALONG

Positive goes right, negative goes left.

3 THEN Y — UP

Positive goes up, negative goes down.

4 PLOT AND LABEL

Mark the point and write the pair beside it.

REMEMBER

Along the corridor, then up the stairs.
(3, 5) and (5, 3) are two different points.

Quadrant 1 is top right, then anticlockwise. Grade 5 usually stays in quadrant 1.