Chapter 1 Linear Functions

Section 1-2 Transformations of Linear and Absolute Value Functions

Communicate Your Answer

- **4.** How do the graphs of y = f(x) + k, y = f(x h), and y = -f(x) compare to the graph of the parent function f?
- 5. Compare the graph of each function to the graph of its parent function f. Use a graphing calculator to verify your answers are correct.

a.
$$y = \sqrt{x} - 4$$

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 b. $y = \sqrt{x+4}$ **c.** $y = -\sqrt{x}$

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d.
$$y = x^2 + 1$$

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 e. $y = (x - 1)^2$ **f.** $y = -x^2$

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EXAMPLE 1

Writing Translations of Functions

$$Let f(x) = 2x + 1.$$

- a. Write a function g whose graph is a translation 3 units down of the graph of f.
- **b.** Write a function h whose graph is a translation 2 units to the left of the graph of f.

EXAMPLE 2 Writing Reflections of Functions

Let
$$f(x) = |x + 3| + 1$$
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- **a.** Write a function g whose graph is a reflection in the x-axis of the graph of f.
- **b.** Write a function h whose graph is a reflection in the y-axis of the graph of f.

Write a function g whose graph represents the indicated transformation of the graph of f. Use a graphing calculator to check your answer.

- **1.** f(x) = 3x; translation 5 units up
- **2.** f(x) = |x| 3; translation 4 units to the right
- 3. f(x) = -|x+2| 1; reflection in the x-axis
- **Q** 4. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$; reflection in the y-axis

EXAMPLE 3 Writing Stretches and Shrinks of Functions

Let f(x) = |x - 3| - 5. Write (a) a function g whose graph is a horizontal shrink of the graph of f by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$, and (b) a function h whose graph is a vertical stretch of the graph of f by a factor of 2.

Write a function g whose graph represents the indicated transformation of the graph of f. Use a graphing calculator to check your answer.

- **5.** f(x) = 4x + 2; horizontal stretch by a factor of 2
- **6.** f(x) = |x| 3; vertical shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$

EXAMPLE 4 Combining Transformations

Let the graph of g be a vertical shrink by a factor of 0.25 followed by a translation 3 units up of the graph of f(x) = x. Write a rule for g.

Let the graph of g be a translation 6 units down followed by a reflection in the x-axis of the graph of f(x) = |x|. Write a rule for g. Use a graphing calculator to check your answer.