

# 2.1

## Reteach (continued)

### EXAMPLE Transformations of Quadratic Functions

Describe the transformation of  $f(x) = x^2$  represented by  $g$ . Then graph each function.

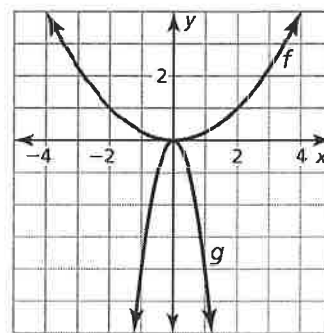
a.  $g(x) = -(4x)^2$

b.  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2$

#### SOLUTION

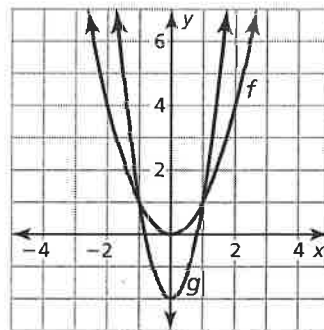
a. Notice that the function is of the form  $g(x) = -(ax)^2$ , where  $a = 4$ .

- So, the graph of  $g$  is a reflection in the  $x$ -axis and a horizontal shrink by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the graph of  $f$ .

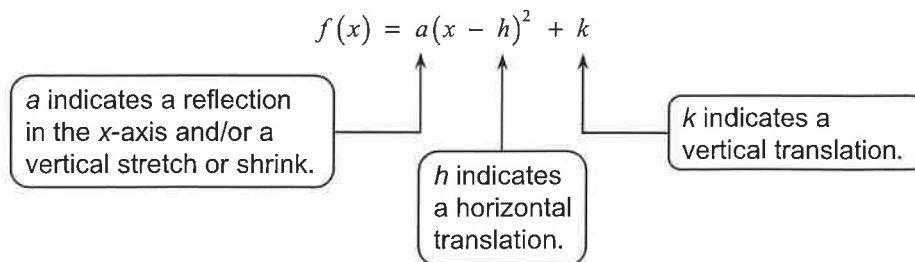


b. Notice that the function is of the form  $g(x) = ax^2 + k$ , where  $a = 3$  and  $k = -2$ .

- So, the graph of  $g$  is a vertical stretch by a factor of 3, followed by a translation 2 units down of the graph of  $f$ .



The lowest point on a parabola that opens up or the highest point on a parabola that opens down is the **vertex**. The **vertex form** of a quadratic function is  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ , where  $a \neq 0$  and the vertex is  $(h, k)$ .



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### EXAMPLE Writing a Transformed Quadratic Function

Let the graph of  $g$  be a vertical stretch by a factor of 3 and a reflection in the  $x$ -axis, followed by a translation 4 units up of the graph of  $f(x) = x^2$ . Write a rule for  $g$  and identify the vertex.

#### SOLUTION

Identify how the transformations affect the constants in the vertex form.

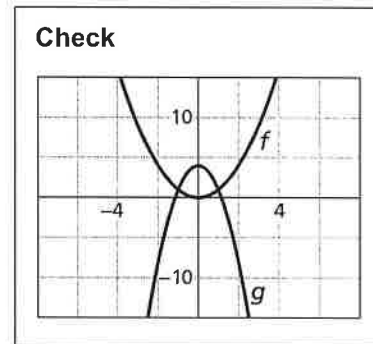
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{reflection in the } x\text{-axis} \\ \text{vertical stretch by 3} \end{array} \right\} a = -3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{translation 4 units up} \end{array} \right\} k = 4$$

Write the transformed function.

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= a(x - h)^2 + k && \text{Vertex form of a quadratic function} \\ &= -3(x - 0)^2 + 4 && \text{Substitute } -3 \text{ for } a, 0 \text{ for } h, \text{ and } 4 \text{ for } k. \\ &= -3x^2 + 4 && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

- The transformed function is  $g(x) = -3x^2 + 4$ .  
The vertex is  $(0, 4)$ .



In Exercises 1–9, describe the transformation of  $f(x) = x^2$  represented by  $g$ .

Then graph each function.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. $g(x) = x^2 - 2$   | 2. $g(x) = x^2 + 4$       | 3. $g(x) = (x + 1)^2$      |
| 4. $g(x) = (x - 2)^2$ | 5. $g(x) = (x - 5)^2 + 2$ | 6. $g(x) = (x + 2)^2 - 1$  |
| 7. $g(x) = -2x^2$     | 8. $g(x) = (-2x)^2$       | 9. $g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2$ |

In Exercises 10 and 11, write a rule for  $g$  described by the transformations of the graph of  $f$ . Then identify the vertex.

10.  $f(x) = x^2$ ; vertical stretch by a factor of 3 and a reflection in the  $x$ -axis, followed by a translation 3 units down
11.  $f(x) = x^2$ ; vertical shrink by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and a reflection in the  $x$ -axis, followed by a translation 6 units left