

Graphing on the TI-86

Before you begin graphing, you will need to clear any functions or variables stored in your calculator.

To Clear Home Screen

Clear

To Clear Previously Saved Functions

Graph

F1: Y=

Move the cursor to each function and press **F4 DELf**

If any of the Plot functions are highlighted, move the cursor to the highlighted plot and press **Enter**. The highlight will be removed.

To Set Graph Scale

Graph

F3: Zoom

F4: ZStd - Usually referred to as the standard viewing window. Sets the x and y axis from -10 to 10. This view is not in proportion as the scale is greater along the x axis.

F3: Zoom

More, F2: ZSqr - View is in proportion. The scale is the same on each axis but smaller.

(To view the settings and change as necessary)

Graph, F2: Wind

Entering Functions

(Equations must be in slope intercept form $y = mx + b$)

Graph,

F1: Y=

Enter the following equations

(Type only the right side)

$$y1 = 2x + 1$$

$$y2 = -3x + 2$$

$$y3 = 3$$

$$y4 = \frac{3}{4}x - 3$$

(Notice that the equal sign in each equation is highlighted. Those that are highlighted will be graphed.)

Graphing Equations

Exit

F5: Graph

(This shows all four graphs)

Selecting Graphs

F1: Y=

(F5 toggles the highlight on or off.)

Move the cursor to **y2** and tap **F5**

Tap **F5** again and the highlight reappears.

Changing Graph Formats

(More than **F3 Style** changes the style of the graph. Each time F3 is tapped the style is changed and displayed to the left of the equation)

Move to y1

Tap **F3 Style** once (graph will be thicker)

Move to y2

Tap **F3 Style** 6 times (graph will be dotted)

Move to y3

Tap **F3 Style** twice (area above graph will be shaded)

Move to y4

Tap **F3 Style** four times (leading edge of graph will be a circle)

To view the graphs

Graph

F5: Graph