



Features of a Parabola

<u>Vertex</u> - The point where the parabola changes direction.

 $\frac{\text{Maximum/Minimum}}{\text{The y - value at the vertex.}} \text{- The bottom or top of the parabola.}$

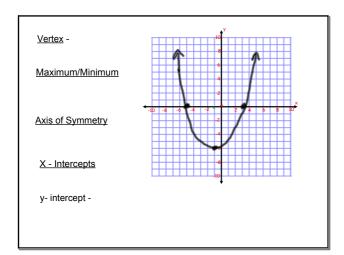
 $\frac{\text{Axis of Symmetry}}{\text{Equation is } x = \text{The } x \text{ coordinate of the vertex}.$

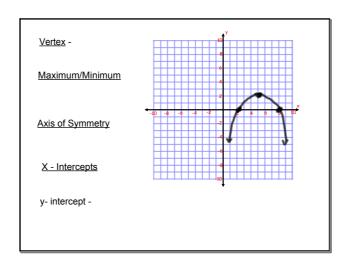
 $\underline{\text{X}}$ - $\underline{\text{Intercepts}}$ - $\,$ The 2 points where the parabola crosses the x axis.

<u>y- intercept</u> - The point where the graph crosses the y axis.

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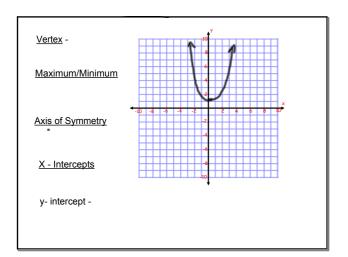
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SECOND DIFFERENCES

Another way to determine if a relationship is a quadratic is to determine the second differences. If the first differences are the same the relationship is linear, however if the second differences are the same then the relationship is quadratic and the graph will be a parabola.

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Handout- second difference



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