

The slope of  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$  is  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . The slope of a perpendicular line is 2, the negative reciprocal of  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Its equation has the form  $y = 2x + b$ . To find  $b$ , substitute (2, 7) for  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$7 = 2(2) + b, \text{ or } 7 = 4 + b, \text{ so } 3 = b$$

This gives the equation of the line:  $y = 2x + 3$