## Graphing a system of equations (simultaneous equations)

A system of equations is a set of two equations with two different variables. It can be solved graphically or algebraically.

Steps to solving a system of equations graphically

1. We are trying to find the point where the two lines intersect*.
2. Graph each equation on the same set of axes.
3. Find and Label the point of intersection (this is the answer).
4. Check the coordinates of the point of intersection in both equations by substituting for $x$ and $y$.
*Since a line is an infinite collection of points, EVERY point on a line is a solution to the given equation. When you graph two lines on one graph, the point of intersection is the ONE point that is a solution to both equations...It is the ONE POINT THE TWO LINES SHARE.


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x=3 \quad y=4
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Answer the following questions in your own words:
What is the answer to a system of equations problem?

Explain why that is the answer:

