Practice 2.6: Interpreting Quadratic Functions

Sketch the graph for each of the following quadratic functions.

- 1. $a(x) = 2x^2 6x + 4$
- 2. $e(x) = x^2$
- 3. $f(x) = x^2 + 2$

Find the *y*-intercept and vertex of the following functions. State whether the vertex is a minimum or maximum point on the graph and explain your reasoning.

- 4. $n(h) = -2h^2 7h$
- 5. $l(r) = 4r^2 + 40r + 7$
- 6. $f(x) = -2x^2 + 4x + 3$

Does the following graph represent the given function? Explain your reasoning.

7. $d(t) = t^2 - 3t - 5$



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Use your knowledge of quadratic functions to complete the problems that follow.

8. Create the equation of a quadratic function with a vertex of (5, 6) and a *y*-intercept of –69.

9. The path of a ball shot up in the air from a slingshot can be modeled by the function $h(t) = -16t^2 + 150t + 4$, where *h* is the height, in feet, of the ball above ground *t* seconds after it is released. At what height was the ball released into the air?

10. A sock manufacturing company's profit *p* (in hundreds of dollars) after selling *x* thousand pairs of socks can be modeled by the function $p(x) = -4x^2 + 40x - 2$. How many pairs of socks must be sold in order to maximize profits?