

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11$$

The function can also be expressed in the form  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$

a) Find the equation of the axis of symmetry

b) Write down the value of  $h$

c) Write down the value of  $k$

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a) The line of symmetry of the graph

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c \quad \text{is} \quad x = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

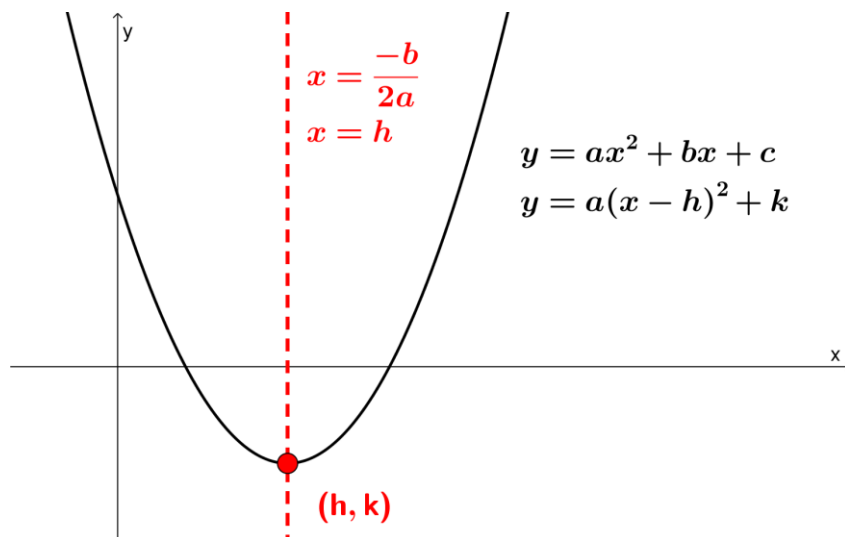
The axis of symmetry of the graph

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \quad \text{is} \quad x = -\frac{12}{2 \cdot 2}$$

The axis of symmetry is  $x = -3$

b)  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \equiv a(x - h)^2 + k$

We know that  $a = 2$



Since the axis of symmetry is  $x = -3$   
and  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$  gives us the vertex  $(h, k)$   
then  $h = -3$

c) The function becomes  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \equiv 2(x + 3)^2 + k$

$$\begin{aligned}2(x + 3)^2 &\equiv 2(x + 3)(x + 3) \\ &\equiv 2(x^2 + 6x + 9) \\ &\equiv 2x^2 + 12x + 18\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \equiv 2(x + 3)^2 + k$$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \equiv 2x^2 + 12x + 18 + k$$

$$k = -7$$

### Alternative solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{b) } f(x) &= 2x^2 + 12x + 11 \\ &= 2(x^2 + 6x) + 11 \\ &= 2(x + 3)^2 - 2 \cdot 3^2 + 11 \\ &= 2(x + 3)^2 - 18 + 11 \\ &= 2(x + 3)^2 - 7\end{aligned}$$

$$h = -3$$

c)  $k = -7$