ANSWERS

Graph the original figure. Find the new coordinates of the vertices after the given reflection. Then graph the reflection.

HELPFUL EXAMPLE

When a figure is *reflected* over a line, every point of the figure has a similar point on the other side of the line that is the same distance from the line. This is also called symmetry.

Original figure vertices: E(-4,1); F(-4,-2); G(-2,-1). Find the coordinates of the vertices after a reflection over the y-axis.

You need to place points (vertices) on the opposite side of the y-axis that are the same distance away from it as the original points.

 $E(-4,1) \longrightarrow E'(4,1)$ F(-4,-2) → F'(4,-2) $G(-2,-1) \longrightarrow G'(2,-1)$

All the x-coordinates are multiplied by -1 and the y-coordinates stay the same. What do think happens when you reflect over the x-axis?

Now your turn.

Polygon MNPQ with vertices: M(-4,3); N(2,3); P(2,1); Q(-4,1)

Reflected over the x-axis



Polygon RST with vertices: R(-2,4); S(-3,-4); T(-4,1)

Reflected over the y-axis



Polygon ABC with vertices: A(1,1); B(2,-4); C(4,-1) Reflected over the y-axis

G

Ε

F



Polygon HIJK with vertices: H(-3,-4); I(4,-2); J(0,-1); K(-4,-3)

Reflected over the x-axis



Polygon DEFG with vertices: D(-4,1); E(-2,4); F(-1,2); G(-2,-1)

Reflected over the y-axis



Polygon TUV with vertices: T(1,0); U(4,-2); V(0,-4)

Reflected over the x-axis

