The cartesian plane uniquely identifies all the points on a plane with two coordinates called an ordered pair.

For example, the point (-2.5,4) corresponds to the point 2.5 units to the left of the *y*-axis, and 4 units above the *x*-axis.

- 1. Write down the ordered pair for the following points:
  - (a) A
  - (b) B
  - (c) C

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- 2. Identify the ordered pair (2, -4) on the axes above.
- 3. The cartesian plane divides the plane into four quadrants. The first quadrant is the upper right, where both the x and y coordinates are positive. On the cartesian plane above, identify the 2nd and 4th quadrants.

Def: The graph of an equation in x and y, the the graph of all ordered pairs (a, b) in the coordinate plane that satisfy the given equation.

4. Consider the equation x<sup>2</sup> = y. Notice that 2<sup>2</sup> = 4 and (-4)<sup>2</sup> = 16 so both (2, 4) and (-4, 16) are on the graph of x<sup>2</sup> = y. Plot three more points that are on the graph of the equation x<sup>2</sup> = y.

