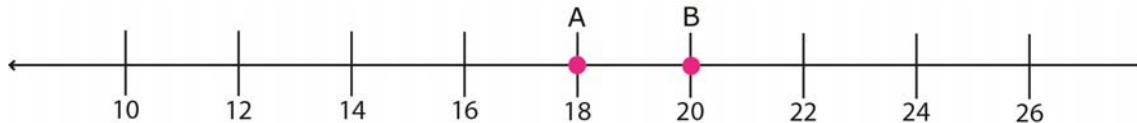


Finding Midpoints - Guided Lesson Explanation

Explanation#1

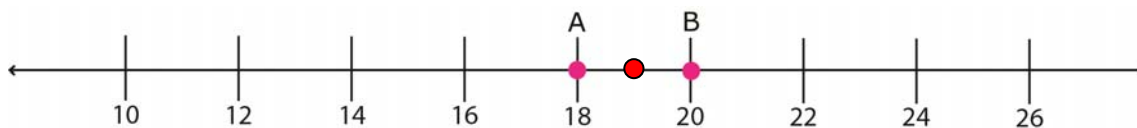
If the coordinate of Y is x_1 and the coordinate of Z is x_2 , then the coordinate of the midpoint of YZ is $\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}$.

We have find the coordinates of A and B on the number line.



The coordinate of A is 18 and the coordinate of B is 20. So the coordinate of the midpoint is \overline{AB} is $\frac{18+20}{2} = \frac{38}{2} = 19$

If we have plot the midpoint on the number line, you can see that it is halfway between A and B.



Explanation#2

The of midpoint formula is

$$M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Where M is the midpoint of a line segment with endpoint at (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

Step 3) Use the midpoint formula to find the midpoint M. Plug in A (5, 7) for (x_1, y_1) and B (-6, -4) for (x_2, y_2) .

$$M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$



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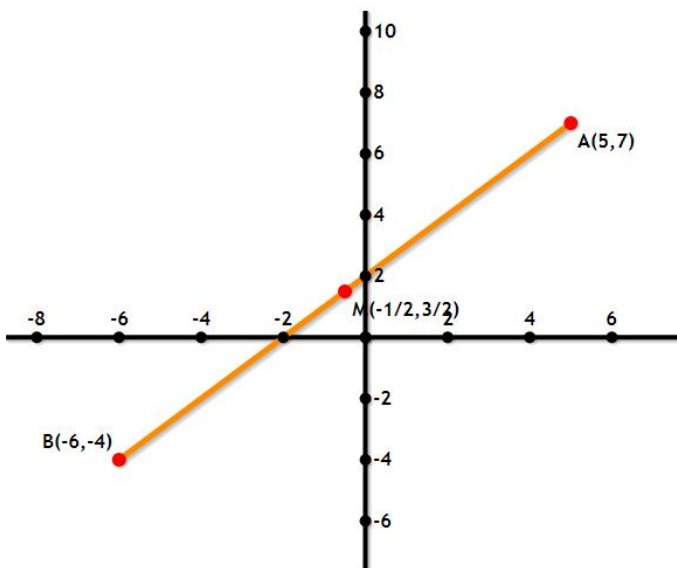
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$$M = \left(\frac{5 + -6}{2}, \frac{7 + -4}{2} \right)$$

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$$M = \left(\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

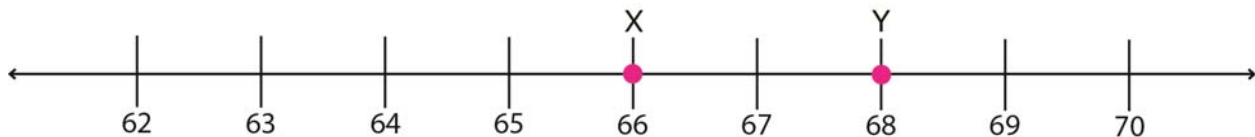
$$M = (-1/5, 3/2) \text{ or } (-.5, 1.5)$$



Explanation#3

If the coordinate of Y is x_1 and the coordinate of Z is x_2 , then the coordinate of the midpoint of YZ is $\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}$.

We have find the coordinates of X and Y on the number line.



The coordinate of X is 66 and the coordinate of Y is 68. So the coordinate of the midpoint is \overline{XY} is $\frac{66+68}{2} = \frac{134}{2} = 67$



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If we have plot the midpoint on the number line, you can see that if the halfway between X and Y.

