

## Exercise 47

For the following exercises, use the vertex  $(h, k)$  and a point on the graph  $(x, y)$  to find the general form of the equation of the quadratic function.

$$(h, k) = (0, 1), (x, y) = (2, 5)$$

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### Solution

Start with the vertex form of a general quadratic function.

$$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$$

The vertex  $(0, 1)$  is given, so  $h$  and  $k$  are known.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a(x - 0)^2 + 1 \\ &= ax^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now use the fact that  $y = 5$  when  $x = 2$  to determine  $a$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= a(2)^2 + 1 \\ 4 &= a(4) \\ a &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the quadratic function is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (1)x^2 + 1 \\ &= x^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

