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$$(\text{Gradient of line segment}) = \frac{5 - (-4)}{-1 - 2} = -3$$

(Given line is)  $y = -3x + 10$  has gradient  $-3$

Same gradient so parallel lines

Neither point lies on the line so the lines do not intersect

**M1****3.1a**

Attempt to find gradient – accept sign errors but not reciprocal

**M1****1.1a**

Finding gradient of given line

**A1****2.2a**

Must make conclusion based on the fact that the two lines are parallel and not the same line

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**Alternative solution**

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{5 - (-4)}{-1 - 2} = -3$$

Equation of the line  $y - (-4) = -3(x - 2)$

$$y = -3x + 2$$

Given line is  $y = -3x + 10$  which is parallel

[So the lines do not intersect]

**M1**

Attempt to find gradient – accept sign errors but not reciprocal

**M1**

Finding equation of given line

**A1**

Conclusion referring to parallel lines

Allow for solving two lines simultaneously and stating there are no solutions.