## **LESSON** Reading Strategies 4-3 Use Graphic Aids

Geometric figures in the coordinate plane such as triangle ABC can be described using matrices. The top row of matrix T is made up of the x-coordinates of points A, B, and C, and the bottom row is made up of the y-coordinates. Each column represents an ordered pair.

 $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & 4 \\ 5 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

You can also use matrices to transform figures in different ways. To find the coordinates of the translation of triangle ABC 2 units left and 3 units up, find the sum of matrix T and a translation matrix.

In the translation matrix, the upper row contains the direction and distance that each x-coordinate will be translated. A positive number translates a point to the right and a negative number translates a point to the left. So -2 indicates that the point will shift 2 units left. The bottom row represents the direction and distance that each y-coordinate will be translated. A positive number translates a point up and a negative number translates a point down. So 3 indicates that the point will shift 3 units up.

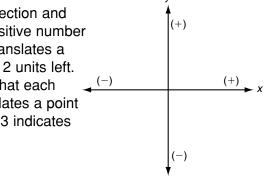
## Answer each question.

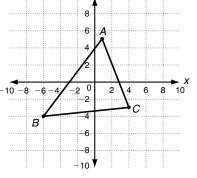
- **1.** What does the matrix T' describe?
- 2. What are the coordinates of the translated triangle A'B'C'?

3. Write a translation matrix to shift triangle ABC 1 unit right and 4 units down.

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Translation matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & 4 \\ 5 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = T'$ 





<sup>4.</sup> What operation would you use on matrix T to reduce or enlarge triangle ABC? Explain.

