## OnTRACK **Algebra Journal**



Analyzing the Effects of the Changes in "a" on the Graph $y = ax^2 + c$
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Vocabulary Review: In your own words, define each of the following vocabulary terms.
Quadratic Equation
• Parabola
Apply New Learning:
1. Describe how changing the "a" value in $y = ax^2 + c$ to a value that is less than 1 affects its graph.
2. Describe how changing the "a" value in $y = ax^2 + c$ to a value that is in between 0 and 1 affects its graph.

3. Describe how changing the "a" value in  $y = ax^2 + c$  to a value that is less than 1 affects its graph.

Compare the two graphs below. Describe whether the "a" value in  $y = ax^2 + c$  is most likely to be less than 1, between 0 and 1, or more than 1 for each graph.

Explain your reasoning. Use the words "narrower," "wider," or "reflection" in your description. 4.

