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Practice focus: Polar coordinates and graphs

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Show your reasoning and check units.

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$$x = r \cos \theta = 2\sqrt{3}; y = r \sin \theta = 2. \text{ Point: } (2\sqrt{3}, 2).$$

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$$r = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}; \text{ quadrant II gives } \theta = 3\pi/4.$$

03 Convert $r = 4\cos \theta$ to a rectangular equation and identify the graph.

$$\text{Multiply by } r: r^2 = 4r \cos \theta, \text{ so } x^2 + y^2 = 4x. \text{ Circle: } (x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 4.$$

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For odd integer 3, there are 3 petals. Maximum $|r| = 2$, so each petal length is 2.