

3-3 Reteaching

Solving Inequalities Using Multiplication or Division

You can solve inequalities using multiplication or division using these two important rules.

- You can multiply or divide each side of an inequality by a positive number.
- You can multiply or divide each side of an inequality by a negative number *only if you reverse the inequality sign.*

Problem

What are the solutions of $\frac{c}{5} \leq -2$? Graph the solutions.

$$\frac{c}{5} \leq -2$$

Original inequality

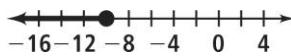
$$5\left(\frac{c}{5}\right) \leq (-2)$$

Multiply each side by 5. Keep the inequality symbol the same.

$$c \leq -10$$

Simplify.

To graph $c \leq -10$, place a closed circle at -10 and shade to the left.



Problem

What are the solutions of $-\frac{2}{3}t > 4$? Graph the solutions.

$$-\frac{2}{3}t > 4$$

Original inequality

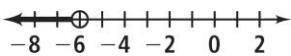
$$-\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}t\right) < -\frac{3}{2}(4)$$

Multiply each side by $-\frac{3}{2}$. Reverse the inequality symbol.

$$t < -6$$

Simplify.

To graph $t < -6$, place an open circle at -6 and shade to the left.



Problem

What are the solutions of $-6h \leq -39$? Graph the solutions.

$$-6h \leq -39$$

Original inequality

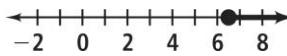
$$\frac{-6h}{-6} \leq \frac{-39}{-6}$$

Divide each side by -6 . Reverse the inequality symbol.

$$h \geq 6\frac{1}{2}$$

Simplify.

To graph $h \geq 6\frac{1}{2}$, place a closed circle at $6\frac{1}{2}$ and shade to the right.



Exercises

Solve each inequality. Graph and check your solutions.

$$1. \quad \frac{x}{7} > -2$$

$$2. \quad 8p \leq 32$$

$$3. \quad \frac{2}{5}r \geq 6$$

$$4. \quad -\frac{k}{2} < -5$$

$$5. \quad -3f \geq 12$$

$$6. \quad \frac{3}{5}t > -9$$

$$7. \quad -2w > -8$$

$$8. \quad -\frac{z}{5} \geq 4$$

$$9. \quad -\frac{3}{4}d < -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$10. \quad -4n \geq 14$$

11. A bus company charges \$2 for each trip. It also sells monthly passes for \$50. Write and solve an inequality to find how many trips you could make before the monthly pass is cheaper.

Extra Practice Lesson 3-3

Solve each inequality. Graph and check your solution.

1. $-8w < 24$

2. $\frac{r}{4} > -1$

3. $9h > -108$

4. $\frac{s}{6} \leq 3$

5. $\frac{6c}{5} \geq -12$

Define a variable and write an inequality for each situation.

6. You earn \$7.50 per hour and need to earn \$35. Write and solve an inequality to find how many hours you must work.

Write and solve an inequality for each situation.

7. A homeroom class with 25 students is holding a fund-raiser to support school sports. Their goal is to raise at least \$200. On average, how much money does each student need to contribute to meet or exceed the goal?
8. You are reading a book with 19 chapters. How many chapters should you read each week if you want to finish the book in 5 weeks or less?