Topic: Graphing conjunctions on a number line

Question: Graph the conjunction -1 < x < 5.

Answer choices:



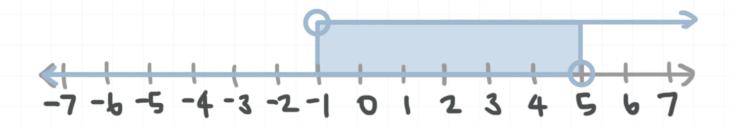




Solution: A

The solution of the conjunction -1 < x < 5 consists of all the numbers that are greater than -1 and less than 5.

Remember, -1 < x is equivalent to x > -1, so the graph of the conjunction is the overlap of the graphs of the inequalities x > -1 and x < 5.



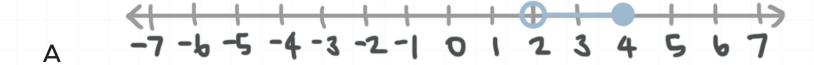
The shaded area shows the overlap, which is everything between -1 and 5. The overlap includes neither -1 nor 5, because there's an open circle at -1 on the graph of the inequality x > -1, and an open circle at 5 on the graph of the inequality x < 5.

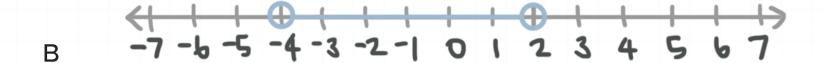


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Question: Graph the conjunction $2 > x \ge -4$.

Answer choices:



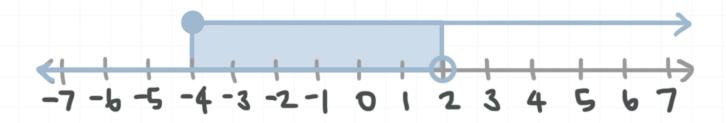




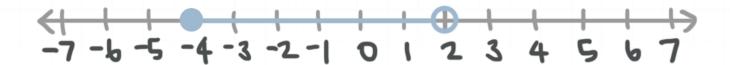
Solution: D

The conjunction $2 > x \ge -4$ can be thought of as the set of all x values that are greater than or equal to -4 and less than 2.

Remember, 2 > x is equivalent to x < 2, so in terms of graphing, that set would be the intersection (overlap) of $x \ge -4$ and x < 2.



The shaded area shows the overlap, which would be from -4 to 2, including -4, but not including 2.



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Question: Graph the conjunction of the inequalities.

$$-6x + 11 > -7$$

$$5x - 6 \ge -26$$

Answer choices:

A -7-6-5-4-3-2-101234567







Solution: B

Before graphing the conjunction of the inequalities -6x + 11 > -7 and $5x - 6 \ge -26$, we need to solve the inequalities separately. Begin solving -6x + 11 > -7.

$$-6x + 11 > -7$$

$$-6x > -18$$

Solving $5x - 6 \ge -26$.

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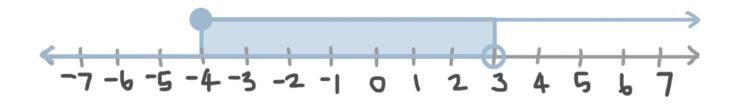
$$5x \ge -20$$

$$x \ge -4$$

Since the inequality $x \ge -4$ is equivalent to $-4 \le x$, the conjunction of the inequalities $x \ge -4$ and x < 3 can be written as

$$-4 \le x < 3$$

The solution of this conjunction consists of all the numbers that are greater than or equal to -4 and less than 3. The graph of the conjunction is the overlap of the graphs of the inequalities x < 3 and $x \ge -4$.



The overlap consists of an open circle at 3, a solid circle at -4, and everything between -4 and 3.



