Topic: Graphing disjunctions on a number line

Question: Graph the disjunction.

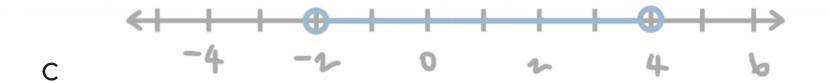
$$x < -2 \text{ or } x > 4$$

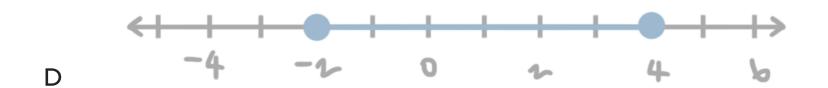
Answer choices:



A 4 -1 0 1 4 6

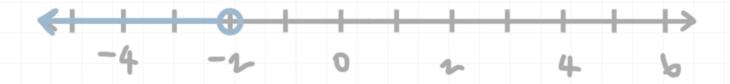




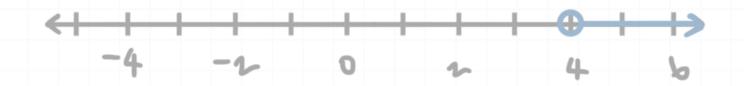


Solution: A

First, graph the two inequalities separately. The sketch of x < -2 is



and the sketch of x > 4 is



Sketching these two pieces together on the same number line, we can see the sketch of the complete disjunction.



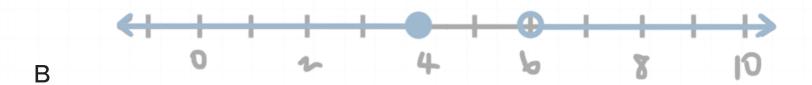
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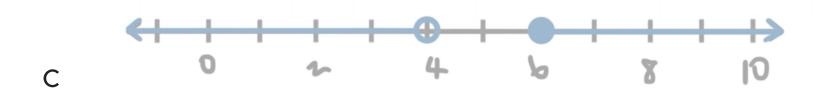
Question: Graph the disjunction.

$$2x - 5 \ge 7 \text{ or } 3(x - 2) < 6$$

Answer choices:

A 0 4 6 8 10







Solution: C

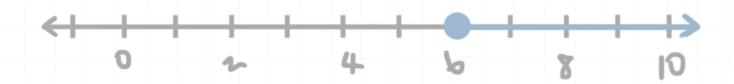
Solve the first inequality,

$$2x - 5 \ge 7$$

$$2x \ge 12$$

$$x \ge 6$$

then sketch it on a number line.



Solve the second inequality,

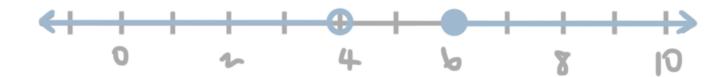
$$3(x-2) < 6$$

$$x - 2 < 2$$

then sketch it on a number line.



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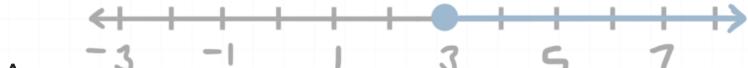


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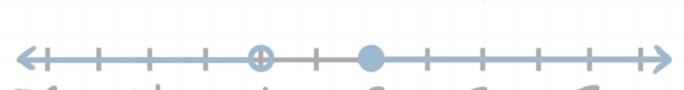
Question: Graph the disjunction.

$$2(x-2) + 3 > 1$$
 or $2(4-x) \le x - 1$

Answer choices:



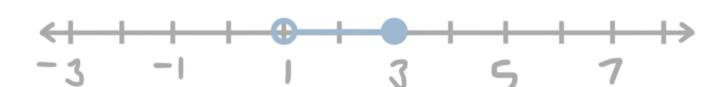
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Solution: C

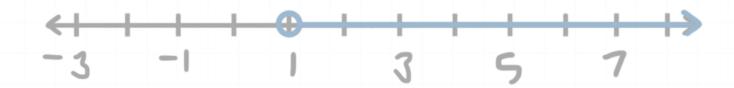
Solve the first inequality,

$$2(x-2) + 3 > 1$$

$$2(x-2) > -2$$

$$x - 2 > -1$$

then sketch it on a number line.



Solve the second inequality,

$$2(4-x) \le x-1$$

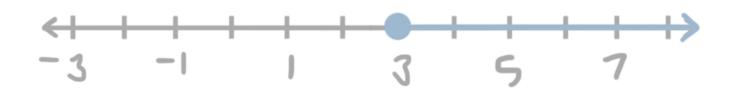
$$8 - 2x \le x - 1$$

$$8 - 3x \le -1$$

$$-3x \le -9$$

$$x \ge 3$$

then sketch it on a number line.



The solution of the disjunction is the set of values where both inequalities overlap. The set x > 1 includes the entire set $x \ge 3$, so a sketch of the complete disjunction is the sketch of x > 1.

