

# Solving Linear Inequalities

## In This Unit:

1. Linear Inequalities
2. Compound Inequalities

## Bellwork

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**Solve for the indicated variable.**

**1. Area of a Kite**

Solve for  $d_2$ :  $A = \frac{1}{2} d_1 d_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} d_2 &= \frac{2A}{d_1} \\ d_2 &= \frac{2A}{d_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{A}{\frac{1}{2} d_1} \rightarrow \frac{2A}{d_1}$$

**2. Slope-Intercept Form**

Solve for  $y$ :  $7 - y = 3.5x$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$7 - y = 3.5x - 7$$

$$\frac{-y}{-1} = \frac{3.5x - 7}{-1}$$

$$y = -3.5x + 7$$

# Linear Inequalities

**What You Need to Know:**

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$y > 3$

$<$   
 $>$   
 $\leq$   
 $\geq$

To solve an inequality, solve just like an equation!

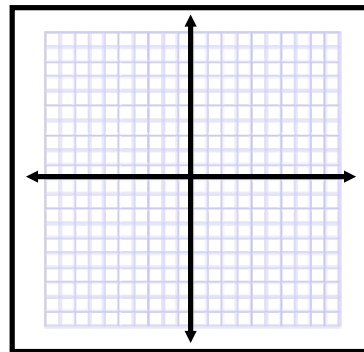
But remember, if you multiply or divide by a negative you have to flip the symbol!

There are two different ways to graph an inequality.

One variable

Two Variable

$y > x$



Is Greater Than  $>$  ○

Is Less Than  $<$  ○

Is Greater Than or Equal To  $\geq$  ●

Is Less Than or Equal To  $\leq$  ●

## Linear Inequalities

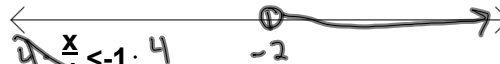
Solve the inequality and graph its solution.

$$\begin{aligned} x+3 &\leq 0 \\ -3 & -3 \\ \hline x &\leq -3 \end{aligned}$$

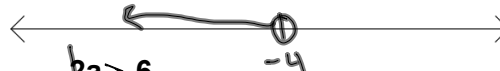
$$\begin{aligned} -3 &\geq x \\ x &\leq -3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} k-4 &> -6 \\ +4 & +4 \\ \hline k &> -2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{4} &< -1 \cdot 4 \\ \frac{x}{4} &< -4 \\ \hline x &< -4 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} -2a &\geq -6 \\ -2 & -2 \\ \hline a &\leq 3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} -4x+2 &\leq -22 \\ -2 & -2 \\ \hline -4x &\leq -24 \\ -4 & -4 \\ \hline x &\geq 6 \end{aligned}$$

1. Distribution?
2. Combine Like Terms?
3. Addition or Subtraction?
4. Multiplication or Division?
5. Check!



$$\begin{aligned} -(x+7) &> 8x-25 \\ -x-7 &> 8x-25 \\ -8x & -8x \\ \hline -9x-7 &> -25 \\ +7 & +7 \\ \hline -9x &> -18 \\ -9 & -9 \\ \hline x &< 2 \end{aligned}$$



You wash dishes in a restaurant and earn \$5.15 per hour. How many hours must you work to make at least \$200 to buy a new snowboard? Write a linear inequality and then solve.

$$\frac{5.15x}{5.15} \geq \frac{200}{5.15}$$

$$x \geq 39 \text{ hours}$$

# Homework Assignment

## Worksheet "Solving Linear Inequalities"

# Compound Inequalities

## What You Need to Know:

There's two different compound inequalities:

**And**  
(in between)  
 $-3 < 2x + 1 \leq 7$

**Or**  
(two different)  
 $2x - 3 < 5$  or  $3x + 1 \geq 16$

**And:** whatever you do to the variable, do to both sides of the inequality.

**Or:** treat the two different inequalities as two different equations.

## Compound Inequalities

Solve the inequality and graph its solution.

$$-6 < -3 + x < -4$$



$$2 \leq -3x + 8 < 17$$



$$-4x + 2 < 6 \text{ or } 2x \leq -6$$



$$5x + 1 < -4 \text{ or } 6x - 2 \geq 10$$



The human ear cannot hear any sound lower than 20 Hz and higher than 20,000 Hz. Write a compound inequality to represent the range hear by a human.

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## Worksheet "Solving Compound Inequalities"



