

# 1-5 Solving Inequalities

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## Addition Property of Inequality

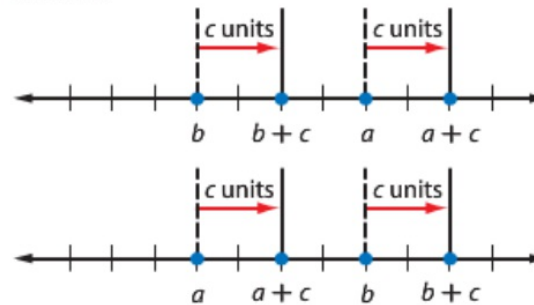
### Words

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If  $a > b$ , then  $a + c > b + c$ .

If  $a < b$ , then  $a + c < b + c$ .

### Models



## Subtraction Property of Inequality

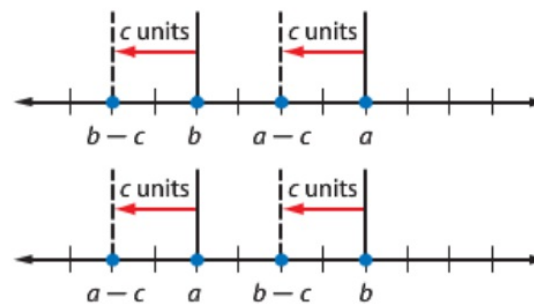
### Words

For any real numbers,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ :

If  $a > b$ , then  $a - c > b - c$ .

If  $a < b$ , then  $a - c < b - c$ .

### Models



### Example 1 Solve an Inequality Using Addition or Subtraction

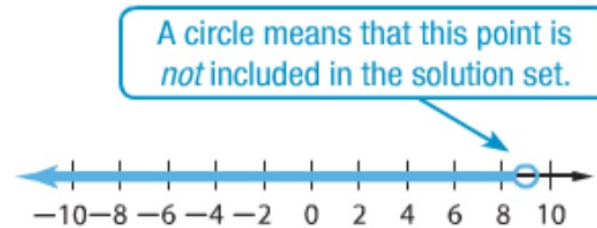
Solve  $y - 6 < 3$ . Graph the solution set on a number line.

$$y - 6 < 3 \quad \text{Original inequality}$$

$$y - 6 + 6 < 3 + 6 \quad \text{Add 6 to each side.}$$

$$y < 9 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

Any real number less than 9 is a solution of this inequality. The graph of the solution set is shown at the right.



**CHECK** Substitute 8 and then 10 for  $y$  in  $y - 6 < 3$ . The inequality should be true for  $y = 8$  and false for  $y = 10$ . ✓

**Example 2** Solve an Inequality Using Multiplication or Division

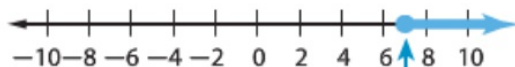
Solve  $-4.2x \leq -29.4$ . Graph the solution set on a number line.

$$-4.2x \leq -29.4 \quad \text{Original inequality}$$

$$\frac{-4.2x}{-4.2} \geq \frac{-29.4}{-4.2} \quad \text{Divide each side by } -4.2, \text{ reversing the inequality symbol.}$$

$$x \geq 7 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

The solution set is  $\{x|x \geq 7\}$ . The graph of the solution is shown below.



A dot means that this point is included in the solution set.

**CHECK** Substitute 6 and then 8 for  $x$  in  $-4.2x \leq -29.4$ . The inequality should be true for  $x = 8$  and false for  $x = 6$ . ✓

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### Example 3 Solve Multi-Step Inequalities

Solve  $-4c \leq \frac{5c + 58}{6}$ . Graph the solution set on a number line.

$$-4c \leq \frac{5c + 58}{6} \quad \text{Original inequality}$$

$$-24c \leq 5c + 58 \quad \text{Multiply each side by 6.}$$

$$-29c \leq 58 \quad \text{Add } -5c \text{ to each side.}$$

$$c \geq -2 \quad \text{Divide each side by } -29, \text{ reversing the inequality symbol.}$$

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The solution set is  $\{c | c \geq -2\}$  and is graphed below.



**CHECK** Substitute  $-3$  and then  $-1$  for  $x$  in  $-4c \leq \frac{5c + 58}{6}$ . The inequality should be true for  $x = -1$  and false for  $x = -3$ . ✓

### Additional Answers

1.  $b < 8$



2.  $d < 20$



3.  $x \leq -6$



4.  $y \leq 7$



5.  $w < 2$



6.  $z \geq -\frac{3}{4}$



7.  $s \geq \frac{3}{2}$



8.  $x \geq -8.5$



**Examples 1–3** Solve each inequality. Then graph the solution set on a number line.

1.  $b + 6 < 14$

2.  $12 - d > -8$

**1–8.**  
See margin.

3.  $18 \leq -3x$

4.  $-5y \geq -35$

5.  $-4w - 13 > -21$

6.  $8z - 9 \geq -15$

7.  $s \geq \frac{s+6}{5}$

8.  $\frac{2x-9}{4} \leq x+2$

⑦  $s \geq \frac{s+6}{5}$

$5s \geq s+6$   
 $-s \quad -s$

$4s \geq 6$

$4$

$s \geq \frac{3}{2}$   
or  $1.5$

8.  $x \geq -8.5$



$$4 \left( \frac{2x - 9}{4} \right) \leq (x + 2) 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 9 \leq 4x + 8 \\ -4x + 9 \quad -4x + 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-2x}{-2} \leq \frac{17}{-2}$$

$$x \geq -\frac{17}{2}$$

15

+

0.05c

≥

50

**Solve**  $15 + 0.05c \geq 50$

Original inequality

$$0.05c \geq 35$$

Subtract 15 from each side.

$$c \geq 700$$

Divide each side by 0.05.

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9. **CCSS MODELING** Tara is delivering bags of mulch. Each bag weighs 48 pounds, and the push cart weighs 65 pounds. If her flat-bed truck is capable of hauling 2000 pounds, how many bags of mulch can Tara safely take on each trip? **40 bags**


$$48x + 65 \leq 2000$$

~~#~~ x = # of bags . . .



10.  $m > -4$



11.  $n \leq -3$



12.  $r < -6$



13.  $t \leq \frac{1}{2}$



14.  $w \geq 28$



15.  $k < 27$



### Additional Answers

16.  $x \leq 9$



17.  $z < 3$



18.  $z \leq 3.9$



19.  $c < 1$



20.  $y > \frac{8}{3}$



21.  $z < 3$



### Practice and Problem Solving

Extra Practice

**Examples 1–3** Solve each inequality. Then graph the solution set on a number line.

**10–21.**

See margin.

10.  $m - 8 > -12$

11.  $n + 6 \leq 3$

12.  $6r < -36$

13.  $-12t \geq -6$

14.  $-\frac{w}{4} \leq -7$

15.  $\frac{k}{3} - 14 < -5$

16.  $4x - 15 \leq 21$

17.  $-6z - 14 > -32$

18.  $-16 \geq 5(2z - 11)$

19.  $12 < -4(3c - 6)$

20.  $\frac{3y - 4}{0.2} - 8 > 12$

21.  $\frac{9z + 5}{4} + 18 < 26$

**Example 4**

**22. GYMNASTICS** In a gymnastics competition, an athlete's final score is calculated by taking 75% of the average technical score and adding 25% of the artistic score. All scores are out of 10, and one gymnast has a 7.6 average technical score. What artistic score does the gymnast need to have a final score of at least 8.0? **9.2**