

# SUPER 12s



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2 ALGEBRA  
2.11 SOLVING INEQUALITIES  
2.11 LEVEL 6

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**Skill description:** Solving inequalities involving multiple terms with the variable appearing on both sides of the inequality.

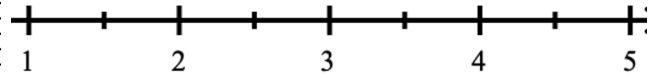
## Essential Revision

1. Solve for the unknown.

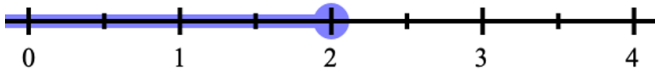
$$\blacksquare + 7 = 31$$

2. Graph the inequality on the number line.

$$x > 3$$



3. Write the inequality for the following.



4. Solve the inequality.

$$x - 8 < -4$$

5. Solve the inequality.

$$-\frac{x}{4} > 2$$

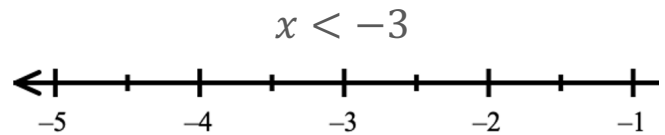
6. Solve the inequality.

$$3x - 7 \geq 11$$

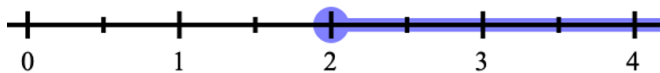
7. Solve for the unknown.

$$\blacksquare + 12 = 17$$

8. Graph the inequality on the number line.



9. Write the inequality for the following.



10. Solve the inequality.

$$x - 2 \geq -5$$

11. Solve the inequality.

$$3 - 2x \geq -7$$

12. Solve the inequality.

$$5 - \frac{2x}{7} < 3$$

Solutions can be found at the end of the booklet.

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## STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

Solving inequalities and solving equations have many similarities. The critical difference is:

If you multiply or divide by a negative,  
the inequality sign reverses.

### Example 1

Solve for the unknown.

$$5 - 2x > -7x + 3$$

### Step 1

To isolate all the variables to one side of the inequality, add  $2x$  to both sides. As we are adding positive values, the inequality sign remains the same.

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 5 - 2x > -7x + 3 \\ + 2x = + 2x \\ \hline 5 > -5x + 3 \end{array}$$



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## Step 2

To isolate the variable as the only term on the right-hand side, subtract 3 from both sides. As we are subtracting, the inequality sign remains the same.

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 5 > -5x + 3 \\ -3 = -3 \\ \hline 2 > -5x \end{array}$$

## Step 3

To isolate the variable, divide both sides by  $-5$ . The inequality sign will be reversed as we are dividing by a negative.

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 2 > -5x \\ \div (-5) = \div (-5) \\ \hline \frac{2}{-5} < x \end{array}$$

Note how the sign has reversed.

## QUESTIONS

Solve the following inequalities.

1.

$$2x - 9 \geq 8 + x$$

2.

$$7 - x < 4x + 2$$

3.

$$8 - 5x \geq 2x + 7$$

4.

$$-3x - 4 > 2x + 1$$

5.

$$7 - 5x \leq 6x - 1$$

6.

$$3x - 11 \geq 7 + 4x$$

7.

$$15 - 6x < 2x - 4$$

8.

$$12 - x \geq 6x + 17$$

9.

$$-7x - 1 > -4x + 1$$

10.

$$-5x + 4 \leq -x - 2$$

11.

$$4 - 3x \leq 2x - 9$$

12.

$$6x - 2 \geq -5 + x$$



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# MASTERY TEST

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LEVELS THIS YEAR





## Solutions to Essential Revision

1.  $\blacksquare = 24$

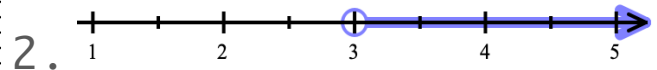
3.  $x \leq 2$

5.  $x < -8$

7.  $\blacksquare = 5$

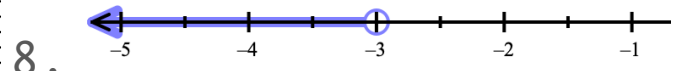
9.  $x \geq 2$

11.  $x \leq 5$



4.  $x < 4$

6.  $x \geq 6$



10.  $x \geq -3$

12.  $x > 7$

## Solutions to Questions

1.  $x \geq 17$

3.  $x \leq \frac{1}{7}$

5.  $x \geq \frac{8}{11}$

7.  $x > \frac{19}{8}$

9.  $x < -\frac{2}{3}$

11.  $x \geq \frac{13}{5}$

2.  $x > 1$

4.  $x < -1$

6.  $x \leq -18$

8.  $x \leq -\frac{5}{7}$

10.  $x \geq \frac{3}{2}$

12.  $x \geq -\frac{3}{5}$