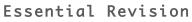
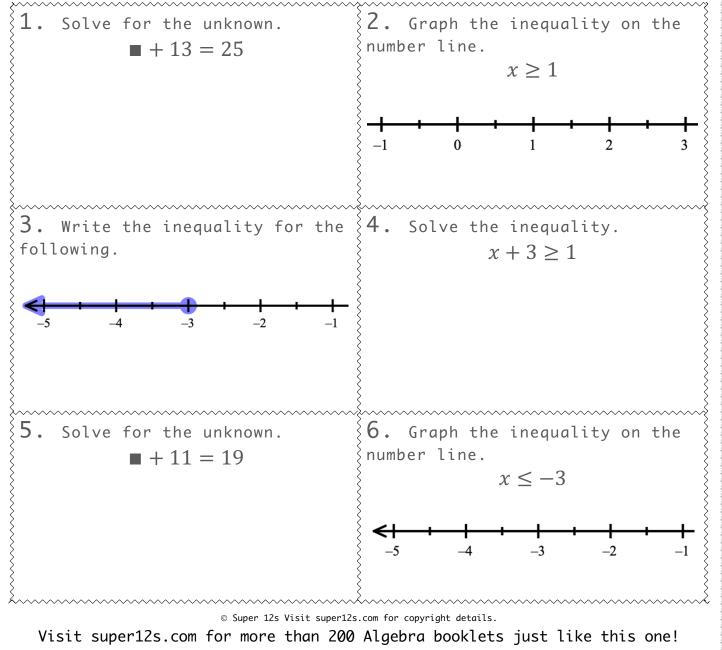
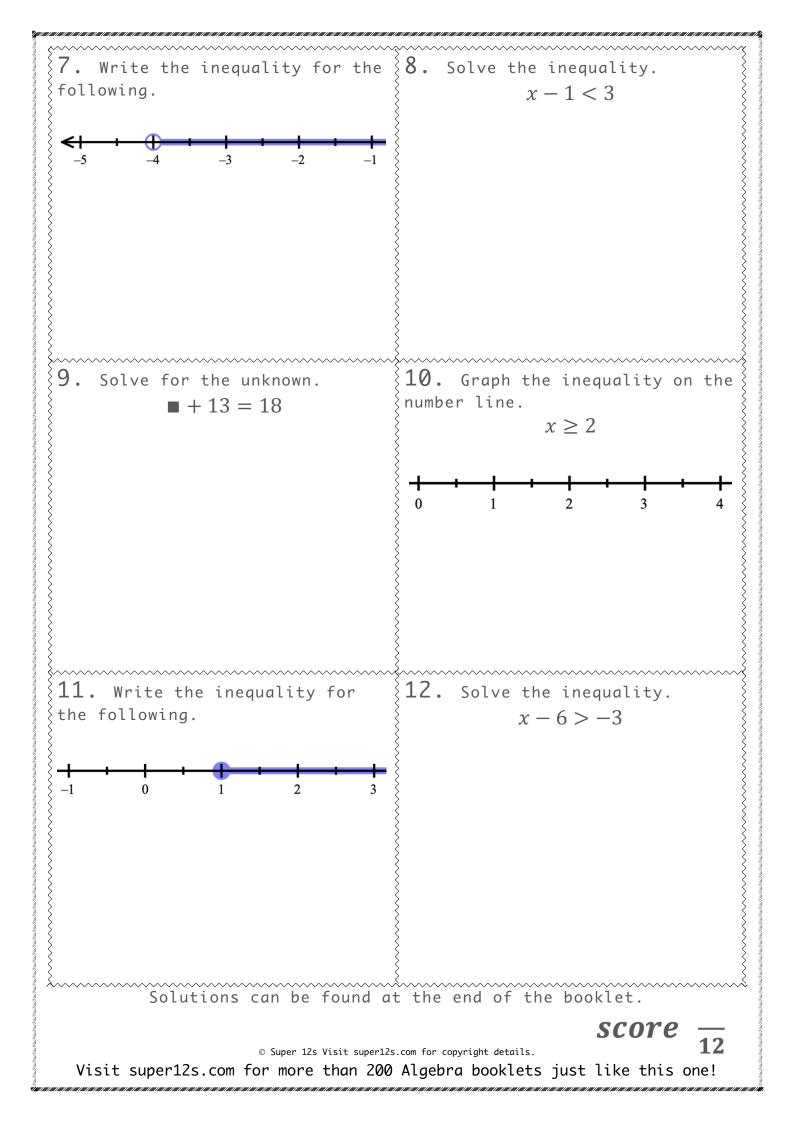


Skill description: Solving inequalities with multiplication and division of positive and negative numbers.







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.

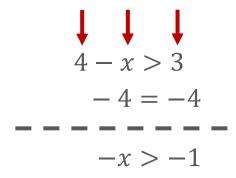
Example 1

Solve for the unknown.

4 - x > 3

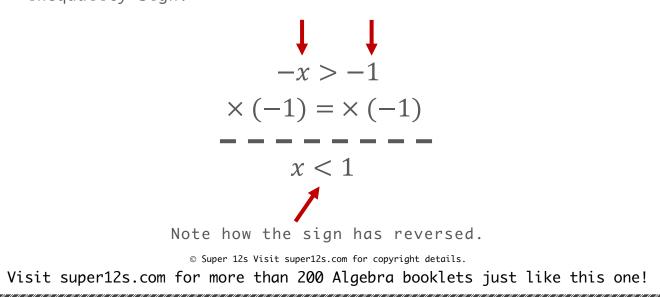
Step 1

To isolate the variable x subtract 4 from both sides of the inequality. Note that the inequality sign remains the same.



Step 2

To isolate the variable x multiply both sides by -1. As we are multiplying by a negative, we must reverse the inequality sign.



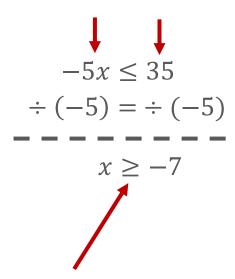
Example 2

Solve for the unknown.

 $-5x \le 35$

Step 1

To isolate the variable x divide both sides by -5. As we are dividing by a negative, we must reverse the inequality sign.

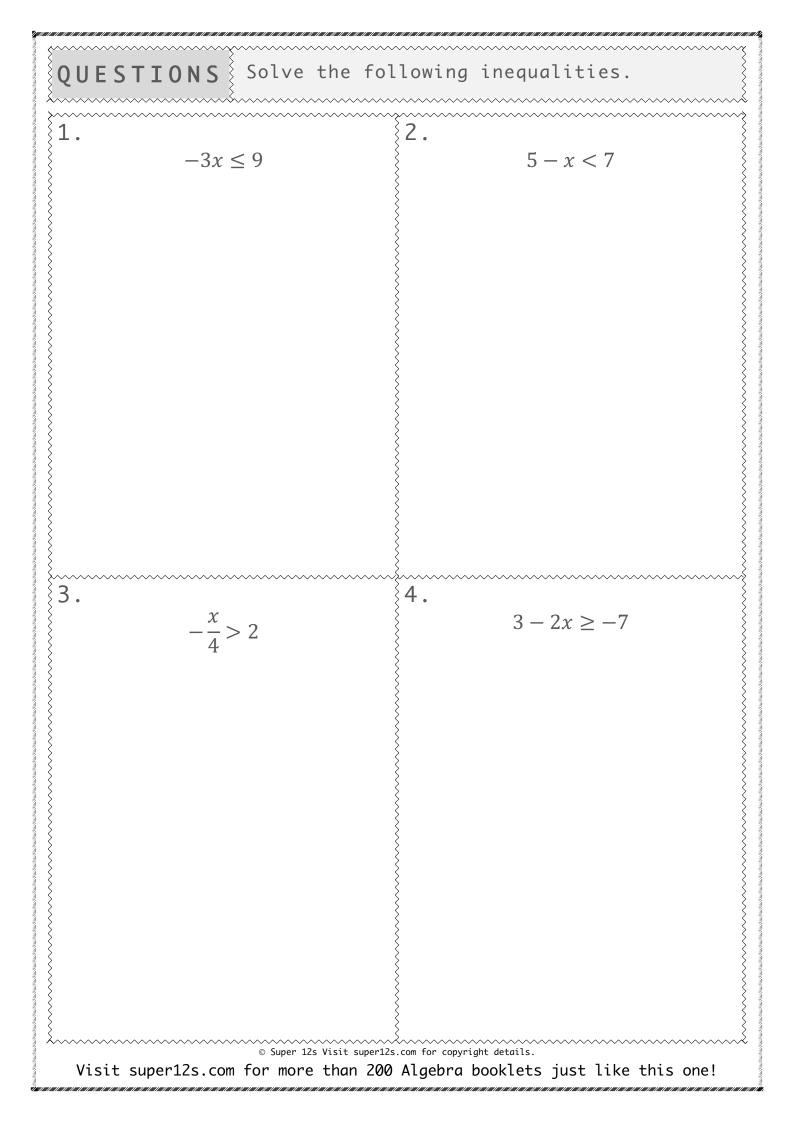


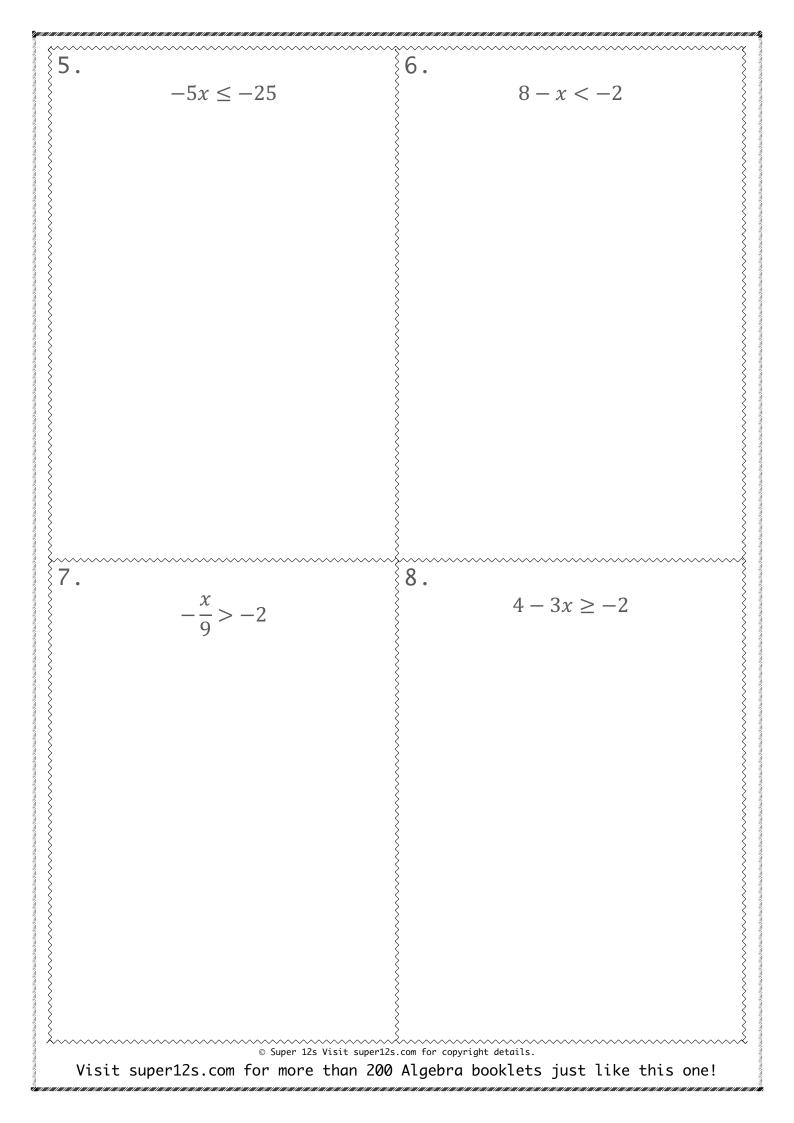
Note how the sign has reversed.

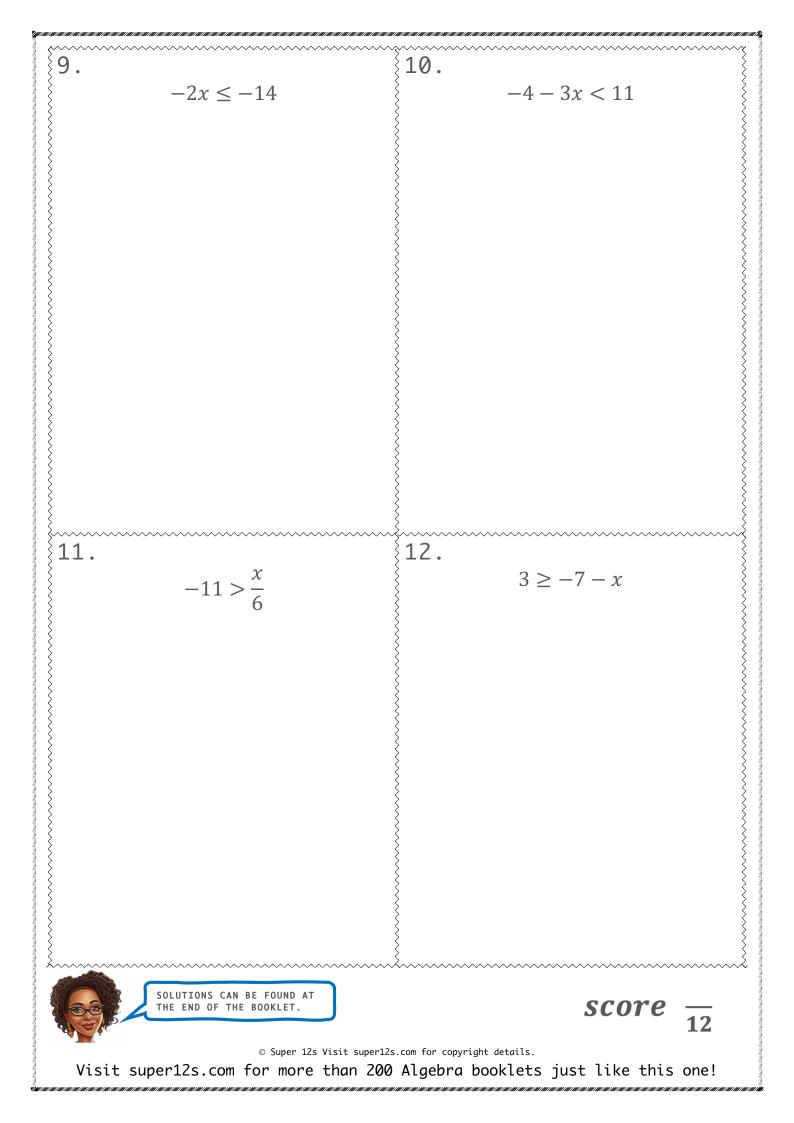


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1. ■ = 12	$\left\{ 2. \begin{array}{c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right\}$
3. $x \leq -3$	$4. x \ge -2$
5 . ■ = 8	$\begin{cases} 6. & -5 & -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 \end{cases}$
7. $x > -4$	8. $x < 4$
9 . ■ = 5	$\{10. \frac{1}{0}, \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}\}$
11. $x \ge 1$	12. x > 3
Solutions to Questions	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
1. $x \ge -3$	2. x > -2
3. $x < -8$	$4. x \leq 5$
5. $x \ge 5$	6. x > 10
7. <i>x</i> < 18	8. $x \leq 2$
9. $x \geq 7$	10. $x > -5$
11. $x < -66$	$\begin{array}{c} 12. x \geq -10 \end{array}$
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