

Lesson 20: Interpreting Inequalities

- Let's interpret the meaning of situations with phrases like "at least," "at most," and "up to."

20.1: Math Talk: Solving Inequalities

Mentally solve for x .

- $5x < 10$
- $10 > 6x - 2$
- $9x < 5 - 23$
- $11(x - 3) < 46 - 2$

20.2: Checking and Graphing Inequalities

Solve each inequality. Then, check your answer using a value that makes your solution true.

1. $-2x < 4$

- Solve the inequality.
- Check your answer using a value that makes your solution true.

2. $3x + 5 > 6x - 4$

- Solve the inequality.
- Check your answer using a value that makes your solution true.

3. $-3(x + 1) \geq 13$

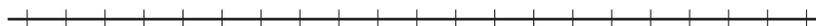
a. Solve the inequality.

b. Check your answer using a value that makes your solution true.

For each statement:

- Use a number line to show which values satisfy the inequality.
- Express the statement symbolically with an inequality.

1. The elevator can lift up to 1,200 pounds. Let x represent the weight being lifted by the elevator.



2. Over the course of the senator's term, her approval rating was always around 53% ranging 3% above or below that value. Let x represent the senator's approval rating.



3. There's a minimum of 3 years of experience required. Let x represent the years of experience a candidate has.



20.3: Card Sort: What's the Situation?

Your teacher will give you a set of cards that show a graph, an inequality, or a situation. Sort the cards into groups of your choosing. Be prepared to explain the meaning of your categories. Then, sort the cards into groups in a different way. Be prepared to explain the meaning of your new categories.