

6-1 Solving Inequalities by Addition and Subtraction (Pages 318–323)

Addition and Subtraction Properties of Inequalities

- For all numbers a , b , and c , the following are true.
- If $a > b$, then $a + c > b + c$ and $a - c > b - c$. (Also true for \geq)
 - If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$ and $a - c < b - c$. (Also true for \leq)

The solutions of an inequality can be graphed on a number line or written using **set-builder notation**.

Example

Solve $3m - 7 > 4m + 1$. Check your solution, and graph it on a number line.

$$\begin{aligned} 3m - 7 &> 4m + 1 \\ 3m - 7 - 3m &> 4m + 1 - 3m \\ -7 &> m + 1 \\ -7 - 1 &> m + 1 - 1 \\ -8 &> m \text{ or } m < -8 \end{aligned}$$

In set builder notation, the solution set is $\{m|m < -8\}$, which is read "the set of all numbers m such that m is less than -8 ."

Only numbers less than -8 substituted into the original inequality should yield a true statement.

$$\begin{aligned} 3(0) - 7 &\stackrel{?}{>} 4(0) + 1 && \text{Let } m = 0. \\ -7 &> 1 && \text{False} \\ 3(-9) - 7 &\stackrel{?}{>} 4(-9) + 1 && \text{Let } m = -9. \\ -34 &> -35 && \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

Since only the number less than -8 yields a true statement, the solution checks.

Graph the point -8 using an open circle, since -8 is not part of the solution. Then draw a heavy arrow to the left to indicate numbers less than -8 .



Try These Together

- Solve and graph $z - 16 < 5$.
- Solve and graph $j + \frac{1}{2} > 9$.

Practice

Solve each inequality. Then check your solution, and graph it on a number line.

- $-6 + m > 6$
- $3y \leq 2y + 4$
- $x - 1 < -14$
- $-0.05 \leq v - (-0.06)$

Solve each inequality. Then check your solution.

- $x + \frac{1}{3} < \frac{1}{6}$
- $-0.8x - 0.7 < 0.3 - 1.8x$
- $5x + 7 \geq 4x + 8$
- $2h - 5 \leq h + 4$
- $u - 45 \geq 38$
- $2x + \frac{1}{3} \leq 3x + \frac{2}{3}$

Define a variable, write an inequality, and solve each problem. Then check your solution.

- A number decreased by -3 is at least 10 .
- Twice a number is more than the difference of that number and 4 .
- Standardized Test Practice** Which number is a solution of $2x \leq x + 8$?

- A** 12 **B** 11 **C** 9 **D** 6

Answers: 1–6. For graphs, see Answers 1–6. **1.** $\{z|z < 2\}$ **2.** $\{t|t > 8\frac{2}{3}\}$ **3.** $\{m|m > 12\}$ **4.** $\{y|y \leq 4\}$ **5.** $\{x|x > -13\}$ **6.** $\{v|v \geq -0.11\}$ **7.** $\{x|x > -\frac{6}{11}\}$ **8.** $\{x|x > 1\}$ **9.** $\{x|x \geq 1\}$ **10.** $\{h|h \leq 9\}$ **11.** $\{u|u \geq 83\}$ **12.** $\{x|x \geq -\frac{3}{11}\}$ **13.** $x - (-3) \geq 10$ **14.** $2x > x - 4$ **15.** D