

### Unit 1.7 Solving Multi-Step Inequalities

Solve each inequality. Graph its solution. Write the interval notation.

1)  $0 < -n + 4n$

$0 < -n + 4n$

Write the original problem

$0 < 3n$

Combine like terms

$\frac{0}{3} < \frac{3n}{3}$

Divide both sides by 3

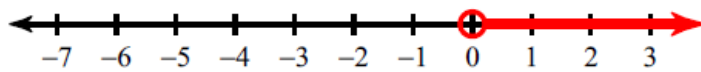
$0 < n$

Simplify

$n > 0$

Flip inequality around so variable is on left side

**GRAPH:**



<,> signs are open circles

> Sign means graph to the right

**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

$(0, \infty)$

(, because <,> signs are parenthesis

0,  $\infty$ , because arrow goes from 0 to  $\infty$  forever to the right

), because  $\infty$  is always )

$$3) \quad 7 \leq -4r - 3r$$

$$7 \leq -4r - 3r$$

Write the original problem

$$7 \leq -7r$$

Combine like terms

$$\frac{7}{-7} \geq \frac{-7r}{-7}$$

Divide both sides by  $-7$ , flip inequality sign because divide by negative

$$-1 \geq r$$

Simplify

$$r \leq -1$$

Flip inequality around so variable is on left side

**GRAPH:**



$\leq, \geq$  signs are closed circles  
 $\leq$  Sign means graph to the left

**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

$$(-\infty, -1]$$

(, cause  $-\infty$  is always (  
 $-\infty, -1$  because arrow goes from  $-1$  to  $-\infty$  forever to the left  
, because  $\leq, \geq$  signs are brackets  
)

$$5) \quad 1 > 1 + 2n + n$$

$$1 > 1 + 2n + n \quad \text{Write the original problem}$$

$$1 > 1 + 3n \quad \text{Combine like terms}$$

$$1 - (1) > 1 - (1) + 3n \quad \text{Subtract 1 from both sides}$$

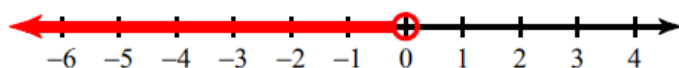
$$0 > 3n \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$\frac{0}{3} > \frac{3n}{3} \quad \text{Divide both sides by 3}$$

$$0 > n \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$n < 0 \quad \text{Flip inequality around so variable is on left side}$$

**GRAPH:**



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**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

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 **$-\infty, 0$  because arrow goes from 0 to  $-\infty$  forever to the left**  
**), because  $<, >$  signs are parenthesis**

$$7) \quad -8 \geq n + 3n$$

$$-8 \geq n + 3n \quad \text{Write the original problem}$$

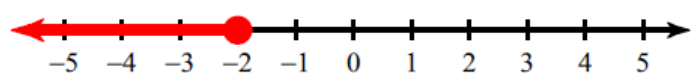
$$-8 \geq 4n \quad \text{Combine like terms}$$

$$\frac{-8}{4} \geq \frac{4n}{4} \quad \text{Divide both sides by 4}$$

$$-2 \geq n \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$n \leq -2 \quad \text{Flip inequality around so variable is on left side}$$

**GRAPH:**



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**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

$(-\infty, -2]$  **(, because  $-\infty$  is always (**  
 **$-\infty, -2$  because arrow goes from  $-2$  to  $-\infty$  forever to the left**  
**], because  $\leq, \geq$  signs are brackets**

9)  $2 > 2 + 2a + 4a$

$2 > 2 + 2a + 4a$  Write the original problem

$2 > 2 + 6a$  Combine like terms

$2 - (2) > 2 - (2) + 6a$  Subtract 2 from both sides

$0 > 6a$  Simplify

$0 > \frac{6a}{6}$  Divide both sides by 6

$0 > a$  Simplify

$a < 0$  Flip inequality around so variable is on left side

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11)  $4 \leq x + 2 - x$

$4 \leq x + 2 - x$  Write the original problem

$4 \leq 2$  Combine like terms

No variables left means: if statement is FALSE then "No Solution"  
If statement is TRUE then "All Real Solutions"

4 is not less than 2, so FALSE  
Therefore,  
No Solution

**GRAPH:**

No Solution, so no graph

**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

No Solution, so no interval solution

$$13) \quad -4x - 2(-2x - 1) \geq 2(1 - 3x)$$

$$-4x - 2(-2x - 1) \geq 2(1 - 3x)$$

$$-4x - 2 \cdot (-2x) - 2 \cdot (-1) \geq 2 \cdot (1) + 2 \cdot (-3x)$$

$$-4x + 4x + 2 \geq 2 - 6x$$

$$2 \geq 2 - 6x$$

$$2 - (2) \geq 2 - (2) - 6x$$

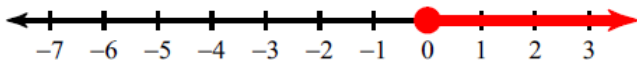
$$0 \geq -6x$$

$$\frac{0}{-6} \leq \frac{-6x}{-6}$$

$$0 \leq x$$

$$x \geq 0$$

**GRAPH:**



Write the original problem

Distribute

Simplify

Combine like terms

Subtract 2 from both sides

Simplify

Divide both sides by  $-6$ ,  
flip inequality sign because divide by negative

Simplify

Flip inequality around so variable is on left side

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**INTERVAL NOTATION:**

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$$15) \quad -2a - 3a < 2(4 - a) - 3(a - 3)$$

$$-2a - 3a < 2(4 - a) - 3(a - 3)$$

Write the original problem

$$-2a - 3a < 2 \cdot (4) + 2 \cdot (-a) - 3 \cdot (a) - 3 \cdot (-3)$$

Distribute

$$-2a - 3a < 8 - 2a - 3a + 9$$

Simplify

$$-5a < 17 - 5a$$

Combine like terms

$$-5a + (5a) < 17 - 3a + (5a)$$

Add 5a to both sides

$$0 < 17$$

Simplify and Combine like terms

No variables left means:

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if statement is TRUE then "All Real Solutions"

0 is less than 17, so TRUE

Therefore,

All Real Solutions

**GRAPH:**



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$$17) \quad 2(1 + x) < -2 + 4(1 + 2x)$$

$$2(1 + x) < -2 + 4(1 + 2x)$$

Write the original problem

$$2 \cdot (1) + 2 \cdot (x) < -2 + 4 \cdot (1) + 4 \cdot (2x)$$

Distribute

$$2 + 2x < -2 + 4 + 8x$$

Simplify

$$2 + 2x < 2 + 8x$$

Combine like terms

$$2 + 2x - (2x) < 2 + 8x - (2x)$$

Subtract 2x from both sides

$$2 < 2 + 6x$$

Simplify and Combine like terms

$$2 - (2) < 2 - (2) + 6x$$

Subtract 2x from both sides

$$0 < 6x$$

Simplify

$$\frac{0}{6} < \frac{6x}{6}$$

Divide both sides by 6,

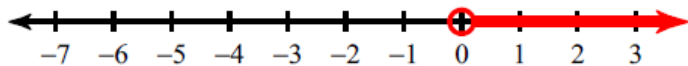
$$0 < x$$

Simplify

$$x > 0$$

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$$19) -2(x - 1) \leq -3x + 2(x + 1)$$

$$-2(x - 1) \leq -3x + 2(x + 1)$$

Write the original problem

$$-2 \cdot (x) - 2 \cdot (-1) \leq -3x + 2 \cdot (x) + 2 \cdot (1)$$

Distribute

$$-2x + 2 \leq -3x + 2x + 2$$

Simplify

$$-2x + 2 \leq -x + 2$$

Combine like terms

$$-2x + (2x) + 2 \leq -x + (2x) + 2$$

Add 2x to both sides

$$2 \leq x + 2$$

Simplify and Combine like terms

$$2 - (2) \leq x + 2 - (2)$$

Subtract 2 from both sides

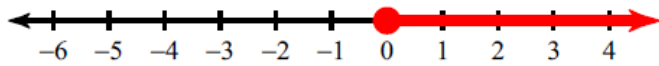
$$0 \leq x$$

Simplify

$$x \geq 0$$

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$$21) \quad -3 - 3(1 + 3B) \geq 2 - 4(2 + 3B)$$

$$-3 - 3(1 + 3B) \geq 2 - 4(2 + 3B)$$

Write the original problem

$$-3 - 3 \cdot (1) - 3 \cdot (3B) \geq 2 - 4 \cdot (2) - 4 \cdot (3B)$$

Distribute

$$-3 - 3 - 9B \geq 2 - 8 - 12B$$

Simplify

$$-6 - 9B \geq -6 - 12B$$

Combine like terms

$$-6 - 9B + (12B) \geq -6 - 12B + (12B)$$

Add 12B to both sides

$$-6 + 3B \geq -6$$

Simplify and Combine like terms

$$-6 + (6) + 3B \geq -6 + (6)$$

Add 6 to both sides

$$3B \geq 0$$

Simplify

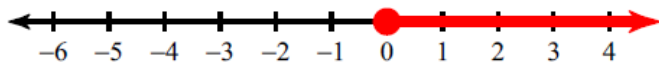
$$\frac{3B}{3} \geq \frac{0}{3}$$

Divide both sides by 3,

$$B \geq 0$$

Simplify

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$$23) -2(p - 2) - 4 > -p + 3(p + 4)$$

$$-2(p - 2) - 4 > -p + 3(p + 4)$$

Write the original problem

$$-2 \cdot (p) - 2 \cdot (-2) - 4 > -p + 3 \cdot (p) + 3 \cdot (4)$$

Distribute

$$-2p + 4 - 4 > -p + 3p + 12$$

Simplify

$$-2p > 2p + 12$$

Combine like terms

$$-2p - (2p) > 2p - (2p) + 12$$

Subtract 2p from both sides

$$-4p > 12$$

Simplify and Combine like terms

$$\frac{-4p}{-4} < \frac{12}{-4}$$

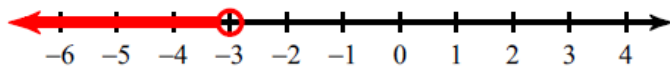
Divide both sides by  $-4$ ,

flip inequality sign because divide by negative

$$p < -3$$

Simplify

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