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Writing and Graphing Inequalities

For use with Exploration 2.1

Essential Question How can you use an inequality to describe a real-life statement?



EXPLORATION: Writing and Graphing Inequalities

Go to BigIdeasMath.com for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Write an inequality for each statement. Then sketch the graph of the numbers that make each inequality true.

a. Statement The temperature t in Sweden is at least -10° C.

Inequality



b. Statement The elevation *e* of Alabama is at most 2407 feet.

Inequality



EXPLORATION: Writing Inequalities

Work with a partner. Write an inequality for each graph. Then, in words, describe all the values of *x* that make each inequality true.



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2.1 Writing and Graphing Inequalities (continued)



Communicate Your Answer

- 3. How can you use an inequality to describe a real-life statement?
- **4.** Write a real-life statement that involves each inequality.

a.
$$x < 3.5$$
 b. $x \le 6$

c.
$$x > -2$$
 d. $x \ge 10$

2.1 Notetaking with Vocabulary For use after Lesson 2.1

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

inequality

solution of an inequality

solution set

graph of an inequality

Core Concepts

Representing Linear Inequalities

Words	Algebra	Graph
<i>x</i> is less than 2	x < 2	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5
<i>x</i> is greater than 2	x > 2	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5
<i>x</i> is less than or equal to 2	$x \leq 2$	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5
x is greater than or equal to 2	$x \ge 2$	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5

Notes:

2.1 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–4, write the sentence as an inequality.

- **1.** Twelve is greater than or equal to five times a number *n*.
- 2. One-third of a number *h* is less than 15.
- **3.** Seven is less than or equal to the difference of a number q and 6.
- 4. The sum of a number *u* and 14 is more than 6.

In Exercises 5 and 6, tell whether the value is a solution of the inequality.

5.
$$d - 7 < 12; d = 19$$

6. $9 \ge 3n + 6; n = 1$

In Exercises 7–10, graph the inequality.

7. $x \ge 3$



8. $x \le 4$







