

Algebra 2-6/2-8: Solving $ax = b$ and $ax < b$

Warm-Up

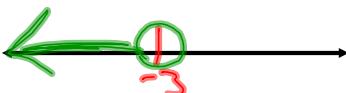
Fill in the blank with values that are solutions.

1. $4 \cdot \underline{14} = 56$ 2. $4 \cdot \underline{6.28} = 25.12$

$$56 : 4 = 25.12 \div 4 = 6.28$$

3. Circle the correct bolded word. When graphing $x < -3$ on a number line, the point is **open/closed**. \leq, \geq

4. Graph $x < -3$.



Guidelines for Solving

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{5}x = 15} \quad \frac{1}{5}x = 15$$

$$x = \frac{15}{\cancel{5}} = 3$$

- Start with the side that has the variable.
- If you do an operation to one side, you must do it to the other side.
 - > For example, if you divide one side by 5, you must divide by 5 to other side.
- In order to get rid of a fraction, multiply the reciprocal.
- When solving inequalities, if I divide or multiply by a negative #, then I must flip the symbol.

$$\cancel{\frac{3}{2}x = 4} \quad x = \frac{4}{\cancel{3}} \cdot \frac{2}{1}$$

$$x = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$-5x < 20$$

$$\frac{-5x}{-5} > \frac{20}{-5}$$

$$x > -4$$

2-6 Solving $ax = b$	2-8 Solving $ax > b$
Solve. Check. Graph.	Solve. Check. Graph.
1. $\frac{3}{4}x = 12$ $x = 4 \quad \quad 3 \cdot 4 = 12 \checkmark$	11. $\frac{3}{3}x > 12$ $ \quad x > 4 \quad \quad \leftarrow + \rightarrow$
2. $\frac{1}{2}z = 10$ $\frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}z = 20 \quad \quad z = 20$	12. $\frac{1}{2}z < 10$ 2
3. $\frac{3}{2}n = 15$ 2	13. $\frac{3}{2}n \geq 15$ $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}n \geq 10 \quad \quad n \geq 10$
4. $-6p = -15$	14. $-6p < -15$
5. $\frac{5}{5}m = -20$ $m = -4 \quad \quad 5 \cdot -4 = -20 \checkmark$	15. $5m \leq -20$
$\longleftrightarrow -4$	

Check
 $3 \cdot 6 > 12$
 $18 > 12$

$3 \cdot 12 \geq 15$
 $36 \geq 15$

6. $-4y = 2$	16. $\frac{-4}{-4}y < 2$ $ \quad y > -5 \quad \quad \leftarrow + \rightarrow$
$\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9} = 2d$ $ \quad d = \frac{15}{18} \quad \quad d = \frac{5}{6}$	17. $\frac{5}{9} \geq 2d$ 9 3
8. $-128 = -20x$	18. $\frac{-128}{-20} > \frac{-20x}{-20} \quad \quad x > 6.4 \quad \quad \leftarrow + \rightarrow$
9. $\frac{-3}{8}k = 24$ 8	19. $\frac{-3}{8}k < 24$ 8
$\frac{1}{2}w = 4$ $ \quad \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}w = 8 \quad \quad w = 8$	20. $\frac{7}{2}w \geq 4$ 2
$w = \frac{8}{1}$ $\frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{8}{1} \stackrel{?}{=} 4$	
$\frac{56}{14} = 4$	
$\sqrt{4} = 4$	

Check
 $-4 \cdot 3 < 2$
 $-12 < 2$

$6.4 < x$
 6.4