

Algebra 1  
5.2 Solve inequalities

Solve inequalities by multiplication and division  
Write and solve inequalities

opposite  $3 = 3$   
trichotomy  $<$   
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activity: triangle puzzles

whiteboards

$$2A. -\frac{n}{6} \leq 8$$

$$2B. -\frac{4}{3}p > -10$$

$$-\frac{n}{6} \leq 8$$

$$-\frac{3}{4} \cdot -\frac{4}{3} p > -\frac{10}{1} \cdot -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \frac{-6}{1} \cdot -\frac{1}{6} n &\leq 8 \cdot -6 \\ n &\geq -48 \\ n &\geq -48 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &< \frac{30}{4} \\ p &< \frac{15}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3** Divide to Solve an Inequality

Solve each inequality. Graph the solution on a number line.

a.  $60t > 8$

b.  $-7d \leq 147$

► **Guided**Practice

**3A.**  $8p \leq 58$

**3B.**  $-42 \geq 6r$

**3C.**  $-12h > 15$

**3D.**  $-\frac{1}{2}n \leq 6$

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**Real-World Example 1** Write and Solve an Inequality

**SURVEYS** Of the students surveyed at Madison High School, fewer than eighty-four said they have never purchased an item online. This is about one eighth of those surveyed. How many students were surveyed?

$$\frac{1}{8}n < 84$$
$$n < 672$$

$-3 \cdot -20 \geq 57$

$$\frac{-3n \geq 57}{-3 \quad -3}$$

$n \leq -19$

$n = -20$

Three options:

Word problems:

"at most"

"at least"

"not more than"

"no less than"

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Three times a number is at least 108.

$$3n \geq 108$$

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The opposite of four times a number is less than 16.

$$-4n < 16$$

Negative 3 times a number is at most 99.

$$-3n \leq 99$$

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



