Solving Inequalities Cue Card – With Examples

Inequality Symbols:	Symbol		Words	(Graph
Always read	<	"less than"		**	 ≎►
	≤	"less than or equal to", "no more than", "at most"			
	>	"greater tha	ın"		·
	≥	"greater tha "no less tha "at least"	in or equal to" in"	4400-000-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-0	•>>
Example: x > 5 reads	"x is greater th	nan 5"; 5 > x	x reads "x is less tha	ın 5".	
Inverse Operations: Addition & Subtraction Positive # & Negative # Multiplication & DivisionWhen Multiplying or Dividing by a negative number FLIP THE SYMBOL!					
Solving 1-Step Inequal	ities Cue Card				
Step 1: Use inverse operations to undo the number on the same side of the variable *FLIP the inequality sign if you multiply or divide by a negative number					
Solve $x + 3 < 7$ and graph the solutions.			Solve $x - 2 \ge 1$ a $x - 2 \ge 1$	and graph the	e solutions.
-3 -3 Subtract 3 from each side.		$\frac{+2}{x \ge 3}$	Add 2 to eac	ch side.	
$x < 4$ $x \ge 3$			4 5 6 7 8		
Solve $\frac{x}{2} > -2$ and graph the solution.		Solve $-2m \le 10$ and graph the solutions.			
$\frac{x}{2} > -2$			<i>−2m</i> ≤ 10		
$3 \cdot \frac{x}{3} > 3 \cdot (-2) \qquad Mu$	ıltiply both sides	by 3.	$\frac{-2m}{-2} \le \frac{10}{-2}$	Divi side	ide both es by –2.
x > -6			<i>m</i> ≥ −5	Dividing by a Reverse ineq	negative. uality sign.
-8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8	-B -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -3	2-1 0 1 2 3 4	4 5 6 7 B

Solving 2-Step Inequalities Cue Card			
Step 1:	Undo Addition or Subtraction to the number on the same side of the variable using inverse operations		
Step 2:	Undo the multiplication or division *FLIP the inequality sign if you multiply or divide by a negative number		
Solve $-5x + 3 < 23$ solutions. -5x + 3 < 23 -3 -3 -5x < 20	3 and graph the Add −3 to each side.	$\frac{y}{6} - 9 \le 1$ $\frac{+9}{4} + 9$ $\frac{y}{6} \le 10$ y	
$\frac{-5x}{-5} < \frac{20}{-5}$	Divide both sides by – 5.	$\frac{y}{6} \cdot 6 \leq 10 \cdot 6$ $y \leq 60$	
x > -4	Reverse the inequality sign. + + + + + + + + ►	The solution is $y \le 60$. $y \le 60$ -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70	

	Solving Multi-Step Inequalities		
Step 1:	Distribute	Multiply $5(x + 6)$	
		5x + 30	
Step 2:	Combine Like Terms on the SAME side of the equal sign	$\frac{4a + 5 + 2a - 3}{6a + 2}$	
Step 3:	Is there a variable on both sides?		
	Yes; Use inverse operations to mo	nove No; Go to Step 4	
Stop 1:	the variable term to the left	the number on the came side of the variable	
Step 4.	(add or subtract)	the number on the same side of the variable	
Step 5:	Lise inverse operations to undo any multiplication or division		
	*FLIP the inequality sign if you m	multiply or divide by a negative number	
-21	$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}$		
- 2 (x + 5) < 10		
		-x -x	
- 2 <i>x</i>	- 6 < 10		
- 2x	-6+6 < 10+6	2x + 2 < -4	
-28	< 16	-2 -2	
57			
-2 <i>x</i>	Flip Inequality Sign!	2x < -6	
-2	-2	2x < -6	
x > -	-8	22	
		X < -3	

Solving Multi-Step Equations			
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	5x + 30		
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Step 3:	Is there a variable on both sides?Yes; Use inverse operations to move the variable term to the leftNo; Go to Step 4		
Step 4:	Use inverse operations to undo the number on the same side of the variable (add or subtract)		
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