## 3-2/3-3. Solving Inequalities

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## EXAMPLE

What are the solutions of $-\frac{2}{3} t>4$ ? Graph the solutions.

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\begin{array}{rlrl}
-\frac{2}{3} t>4 & \text { Original inequality } \\
-\frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{2}{3} t\right)<-\frac{3}{2}(4) & & \text { Multiply each side by }-\frac{3}{2} . \text { Reverse the inequality symbol. } \\
t<-6 & & \text { Simplify. }
\end{array}
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To graph $t<-6$, place an open circle at -6 and shade to the left.
$\xrightarrow[-8-5-4+1+1+1]{4}$

## Exercises

Solve each inequality. Graph your solutions.

1. $m-14 \geq-10$
2. $a-22<-7$
3. $t-2<4$

4. $y-3 \leq 4$
5. $w-17>13$
6. $d-9 \geq-12$
7. Write an inequality for each situation.
a) Barbara's class can have no more than 30 kids.
b) I ate at least 8 cookies last night.
8. Anita is baking dinner rolls and pumpkin bread. She needs 4 cups of flour for the rolls. She needs at least 7 cups of flour left for the pumpkin bread. Write and solve an inequality to determine how much flour Anita needs before she starts baking.
9. Explain how you know when to flip the inequality symbol when solving.

## Solve each inequality.

10. $\frac{x}{7}>-2$
11. $8 p \leq 32$
12. $\frac{2}{5} r \geq 6$
13. $-\frac{k}{2}<-5$
14. $-3 f \geq 12$
15. $\frac{3}{5} t>-9$
16. $-2 w>-8$
17. $-\frac{z}{5} \geq 4$
18. $-\frac{3}{4} d<-\frac{3}{8}$
19. A bus company charges $\$ 2$ for each trip. It also sells monthly passes for $\$ 50$. Write and solve an inequality to find how many trips you could make before the monthly pass is cheaper.
