



Solving a Linear Inequality with Absolute Value

• Example 1

Solve

$$|2x - 3| < 5$$

The given absolute value inequality is equivalent to

$$-5 < 2x - 3 < 0 \text{ or } 0 \leq 2x - 3 < 5$$

$$-5 < 2x - 3 < 5$$

$$-2 < 2x < 8$$

$$-1 < x < 4$$

The solution is

$$-1 < x < 4.$$

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Solve.

$$|3x - 4| \leq 8$$

• Example 2

Solve

$$|x - 3| \geq 2$$

The given absolute value inequality is equivalent to

$$x - 3 \leq -2 \text{ or } x - 3 \geq 2$$

$$x \leq 1 \text{ or } x \geq 5$$

The solution is $x \leq 1$ or $x \geq 5$.**• • • CHECK YOURSELF 2**

Solve.

$$|2x + 5| > 7$$

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$$1. -\frac{4}{3} \leq x \leq 4 \quad 2. x < -6 \text{ or } x > 1.$$

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Solve each inequality

1. $|x| \leq 4$

2. $|x - 4| > 2$

3. $|x + 5| < 3$

4. $|x + 6| \leq 4$

5. $|x - 7| > 5$

6. $|3 - x| > 5$

7. $|5 - x| < 3$

8. $|x - 7| < 0$

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2. _____

3. _____

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5. _____

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