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GOAL Solve and graph compound inequalities.

## Vocabulary

A compound inequality consists of two separate inequalities joined by and or or.

## EXAMPLE 1 Write and graph a compound inequality

Translate the verbal phrases into an inequality. Then graph the inequality.
a. All real numbers that are less than or equal to 7 or greater than or equal to 10 .
Inequality: $x \leq 7$ or $x \geq 10$

b. All real numbers that are greater than -1 and less than or equal to 1 .

Inequality: $-1<x<1$


## Exercises for Example 1

Translate the verbal phrases into an inequality. Then graph the inequality.

1. All real numbers that are less than -3 or greater than 0 .
2. All real numbers that are less than 9 and greater than or equal to 7 .
3. All real numbers that are greater than or equal to 14 or less than or equal to 10 .

## EXAMPLE2 Solve a compound inequality with and

Solve $7 \leq x-4 \leq 12$. Graph your solution.

## Solution

$7 \leq x-4 \leq 12 \quad$ Write original inequality.
$7+4 \leq x-4+4 \leq 12+4 \quad$ Add 4 to each expression.
$11 \leq x \leq 16 \quad$ Simplify.
The solutions are all real numbers greater than or equal to 11 and less than or equal to 16 .


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## EXAMPLE 3 Solve a compound inequality with or

Solve $3 x+4<16$ or $5 x-12>13$. Graph your solution.

## Solution

Solve the two inequalities separately.

| $3 x+4<16$ | or | $5 x-12>13$ | Write original inequality. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $3 x+4-4<16-4$ | or | $5 x-12+12>13+12$ | Use addition or subtraction <br> property of inequality. |
| $3 x<12$ | or | $5 x>25$ | Simplify. |
| $\frac{3 x}{3}<\frac{12}{3}$ | or | $\frac{5 x}{5}>\frac{25}{5}$ | Use division property of <br> inequality. |
| $x<4$ | or | $x>5$ | Simplify. |

The solutions are all real numbers less than 4 or greater than 5 .


## Exercises for Examples 2 and 3

Solve the inequality. Graph your solution.
4. $9<2 x+3<15$
5. $30 \geq-7 x-12>16$
6. $28 \leq 4(2 x-3) \leq 68$
7. $3 x-7<11$ or $x+4>15$
8. $\frac{1}{2}(x+18)>6$ or $7 x+5<-51$
9. $3 x+8>7 x-12$ or $9(x-2)>8 x-9$

