

# Introduction to Inequalities

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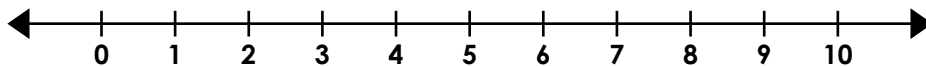


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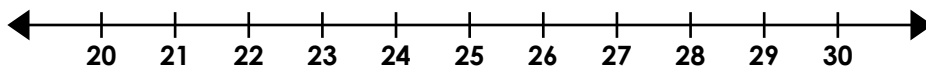
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Write each inequality in words, then graph each on the number line using a red colored pencil or crayon.

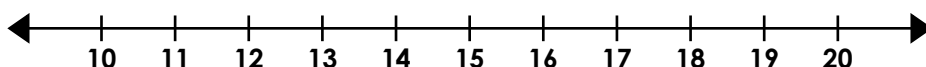
1.  $a \geq 3$  word form: \_\_\_\_\_



2.  $25 > q$  word form: \_\_\_\_\_

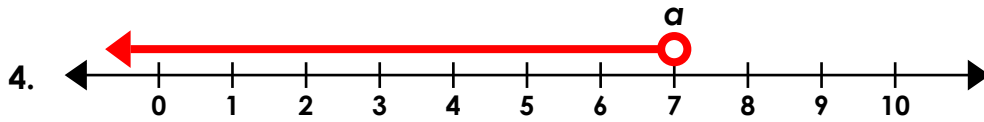


3.  $t \leq 17$  word form: \_\_\_\_\_

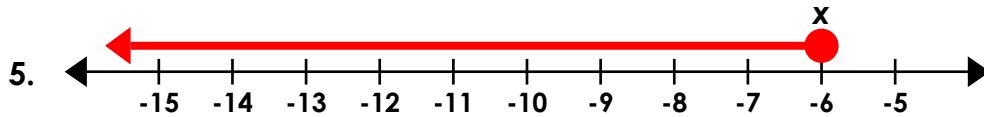


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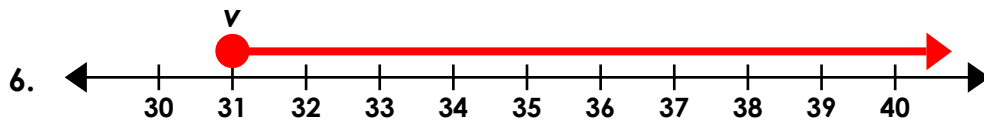
Write the inequality shown by each number line.



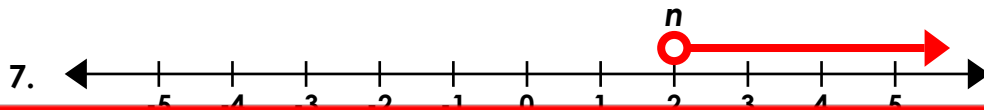
answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. For the inequality  $k > 7$ , Chris says 6.5 and 6 are both solutions. Is he correct? Explain why or why not.

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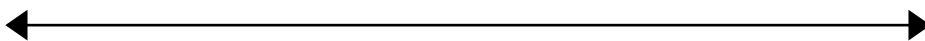
11. For the inequality  $y \leq 9$ , Jazmín says 9 and 0 are both solutions. Is she correct? Explain why or why not.

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12. Kavya is willing to spend \$8 or less on a movie ticket. Show this amount on a number line.



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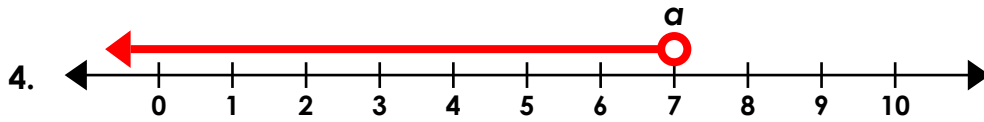


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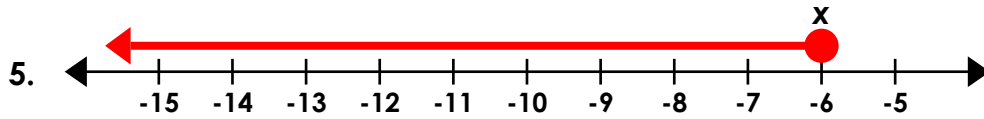
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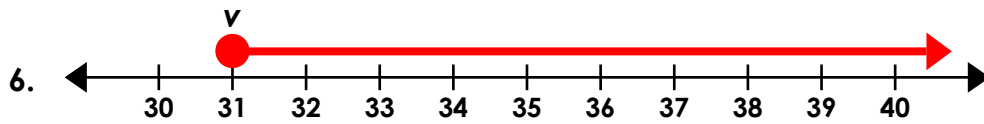
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answer:  $a < 7$  or  $7 > a$



answer:  $x \leq -6$  or  $-6 \geq x$



answer:  $v \geq 31$  or  $31 \leq v$



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