



Multiplication and Division Properties of Inequality (c is positive)

Words Multiplying or dividing each side of an inequality by the same positive number produces an equivalent inequality.

Numbers

$$-6 < 8$$

$$6 > -8$$

$$2 \cdot (-6) < 2 \cdot 8$$

$$\frac{6}{2} > \frac{-8}{2}$$

$$-12 < 16$$

$$3 > -4$$

Algebra If a > b and c is positive, then ac > bc.

If a > b and c is positive, then $\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{c}$.

If a < b and c is positive, then ac < bc.

If a < b and c is positive, then $\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{c}$.

These properties are also true for \leq and \geq .

$$\frac{x}{8} > -5$$

 $-27 \ge 6x$

$$-6 \ge \frac{1}{5}w$$



KEY IDEA

Multiplication and Division Properties of Inequality (c is negative)

Words When multiplying or dividing each side of an inequality by the same negative number, the direction of the inequality symbol must be reversed to produce an equivalent inequality.

Numbers

$$-6 < 8$$

$$6 > -8$$

$$-2 \cdot (-6) > -2 \cdot 8$$

$$\frac{6}{-2} < \frac{-8}{-2}$$

$$12 > -16$$

$$-3 < 4$$

Algebra If a > b and c is negative, then ac < bc.

If a > b and c is negative, then $\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{c}$.

If a < b and c is negative, then ac > bc.

If a < b and c is negative, then $\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{c}$.

These properties are also true for \leq and \geq .

$$2 < \frac{y}{-3}$$

$$-7y \le -35$$

$$-1 \ge \frac{1}{10}z$$

Your friend saves \$150 each month to buy a down suit needed for a high-altitude mountain-climbing trip. Describe the number of months your friend needs to save to buy the suit.

Mountainwear Down Suit \$1249.95



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You have at most \$2.85 for a parking meter. Each 15-minute interval costs \$0.25. Describe the amounts of time that you can park.