

## Understanding Inequalities

$>$	$\geq$	$<$	$\leq$
Is more than Is greater than Is larger than above	<b>minimum</b> <b>at least</b> Is not less than not smaller than	Is smaller than Is less than below <i>Under</i>	<b>maximum</b> <b>at most</b> not more than Is not greater than
<i>Greater than</i> $(>)$	<i>Greater than or equal to</i> $(\geq)$	<i>less than</i> $(<)$	<i>less than or equal to</i> $(\leq)$

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Write an inequality that represents each situation. Then answer the questions below.

- 1.) There must be **at least** 20 club members present in order to hold a meeting.

Inequality:  $X \geq 20$

What is the minimum number of club members needed for a meeting? 20

- 2.) A trainer advises an athlete to keep his heart rate **under** 140 beats per minute.

Inequality:  $X < 140$

What is the maximum heart rate (whole number) that an athlete should have? 139

- 3.) The maximum speed allowed on Main Street is 30 mph.

Inequality:  $X \leq 30$

What is the greatest speed a driver can have on Main Street? 30

- 4.) To ride on a roller coaster, a person must be **greater than** 48 inches tall.

Inequality:  $X > 48$

What is the minimum height (whole number) a person can be to ride a roller coaster? 49

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## 2-step Inequality Word Problems

\* Look for Variable Key Words

↳ Each, per, Every, a/an

\* Look for Inequality Key words & Decide what Sign to use ( $>$  or  $<$  or  $\geq$  or  $\leq$ )

\* Label and Interpret your answer.

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1. Daniel had \$25 to spend at the fair. If the admission to the fair is \$4 and the rides cost \$1.50 each, what is the greatest number of rides Daniel can go on?

Write and solve an inequality and interpret your solution.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 + 1.5x \leq 25 \\ -4 \qquad \qquad -4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.5x \leq 21 \\ \frac{1.5}{1.5} \quad \frac{1.5}{1.5} \end{array}$$

$$x \leq 14 \text{ rides}$$

He can ride a maximum of 14 rides.

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2. The seventh grade class is putting on a variety show to raise money. It cost \$700 to rent the banquet hall that they are going to use. If they charge \$15 for each ticket, how many tickets do they need to sell in order to raise at least \$1000?  
*Write and solve an inequality and interpret your solution.*

$$\begin{array}{r}
 15x - 700 \geq 1000 \\
 + 700 \quad + 700 \\
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 15x \geq 1700 \\
 \frac{15x}{15} \geq \frac{1700}{15} \\
 x \geq 113.3 \text{ ticket}
 \end{array}$$

They need to sell at least 114 tickets

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3. Trinity had \$500 in a saving account at the beginning of the summer. She wants to have at least \$200 in the account by the end of the summer. She withdraws \$25 each week for food, clothes, and movie tickets. How many weeks can Trinity withdraw money from her account?  
*Write and solve an inequality and interpret your solution.*

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \cancel{500} - 25x \geq 200 \\
 \cancel{-500} \quad -500 \\
 \hline
 -25x \geq -300 \\
 \frac{-25x}{-25} \geq \frac{-300}{-25} \\
 x \leq 12 \text{ weeks}
 \end{array}$$

She can withdraw money for 12 weeks or less.

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