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GET OUT HOMEWORK TO CORRECT

1/9 - Solving One-Step Multiply/Divide Inequalities

Sometimes the inequality needs to switch...

$5 < n$ becomes $n > 5$
Variable must be first!

There are 2 other times...

$2 < 3$ *right?*

$-1 \cdot 2 < 3 \cdot -1$ *times both sides by -1*

~~$-2 < -3$ *WRONG!*~~

$-2 > -3$ *Switch the inequality sign*

When you multiply both sides by a negative number,
switch the inequality sign!

Examples of the first kind:

$$\cancel{-2} \cdot \frac{n}{\cancel{-2}} < 4 \cdot \cancel{-2}$$
$$n > -8$$

$$\cancel{4} \cdot \frac{d}{\cancel{4}} \leq -10 \cdot 4$$
$$d \leq -40$$

$$\cancel{-5} \cdot \frac{c}{\cancel{-5}} \geq -8 \cdot \cancel{-5}$$
$$c \leq 40$$

$$\cancel{-3} \cdot 6 > \frac{x}{\cancel{-3}} \cdot \cancel{-3}$$
$$-18 < x$$
$$x > -18$$

Here is the second time:

$$4 < 6 \quad \textit{right?}$$

$$\frac{4}{-2} < \frac{6}{-2} \quad \textit{divide both sides by } -2$$

~~$-2 < -3$ *WRONG!*~~

$$-2 > -3 \quad \textit{Switch the inequality sign}$$

When you **divide** both sides by a negative number, switch the inequality sign!

More examples:

$$\frac{-2n}{-2} > \frac{6}{-2}$$
$$n < -3$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} \geq \frac{-24}{6}$$
$$x \geq -4$$

$$\frac{18}{-3} \leq \frac{-3c}{-3}$$
$$-6 \geq c$$
$$c \leq -6$$

$$\frac{-20}{4} < \frac{4d}{4}$$
$$-5 < d$$
$$d > -5$$

Change the inequality sign when:

1. you exchange sides
2. you multiply both sides by a negative number
3. you divide both sides by a negative number

HOMEWORK

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