



Why do you need this?

# Solving & Graphing Absolute Value Inequalities Circuit



It's self-checking! Your students will know if they are correct or not.



2 differentiated versions for all students practice this essential math skill.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLVING ABSOLUTE VALUE INEQUALITIES CIRCUIT

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Previous Answer: No Solution # _____	2. Solve and graph: $2 x - 4  + 3 < 15$	Previous Answer: $x > 3$ or $x < -4$ # _____
Previous Answer: $-7/2 \leq x \leq 3$ # _____	3. Solve and graph: $ 3x - 5  \leq 7$	Previous Answer: $x > 8$ or $x < 4$ # _____
Previous Answer: $x < -18$ or $x > 6$ # _____	4. Solve and graph: $-3 >  2x + 1 $	Previous Answer: $x > 8$ or $x < 4$ # _____
Previous Answer: $1 \leq x \leq 7$ # _____	5. Solve and graph: $ x - 6  > 2$	Previous Answer: $-9 \leq x \leq -1$ # _____
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Previous Answer: $x > 3$ or $x < -4$ # _____	7. Solve and graph: $ x + 1  \leq 10$	Previous Answer: $x > 8$ or $x < 4$ # _____
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Previous Answer: $x > 3$ or $x < -4$ # _____	10. Solve and graph: $ x  > 12$	Previous Answer: $x > 8$ or $x < 4$ # _____

Helpful Hints: Use these hints to help you solve the problems.

Helpful steps:  
Step 1: Isolate the absolute value first.  
 $|A| = B$  or  $|A| = -B$   
Step 2: Split into two equations  
Check your answers for extraneous solutions  
Answers cannot equal

# Absolute Value Inequalities Circuit *includes:*

Challenge: Create an absolute value inequality of the form  $a|x \pm b| \pm c \geq d$ , where  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$  are real numbers, so that the solution results in all real numbers. Prove that the absolute value inequality makes the solution all real numbers.

How are you feeling about this topic? Circle one:

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Helpful steps:

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Step 3: Check your answers for extraneous solutions.

Remember, absolute value functions cannot equal a negative number.

How are you feeling about this topic? Circle one:

- ✓ 10 self-checking problems
- ✓ a detailed answer key
- ✓ a standard version with an extension question
- ✓ a basic version with helpful hints section
- ✓ student self assessment

# Solving & Graphing Absolute Value Inequalities

standards covered:

**CCSS:** HSA-REI.B.3

**TEKs:** A2.6.E, A2.6.F

**VA SOLs:** EI.All.3a

**SOLVING ABSOLUTE VALUE INEQUALITIES CIRCUIT**

Previous Answer:  $1 \leq x \leq 7$  # 3

7. Solve and graph:  
 $|x - 6| > 2$  ← OR  
 $x - 6 > 2$  or  $x - 6 < -2$   
 $+6 +6$   $+6 +6$   
 $x > 8$  or  $x < 4$

Previous Answer:  $x > 3$  or  $x < -4$  # 2

8. Solve and graph:  
 $|x + 1| \leq 10$  ← AND  
 $-10 \leq x + 1 \leq 10$   
 $-1 -1 -1$   
 $-11 \leq x \leq 9$

Previous Answer:  $-9 \leq x \leq -1$  # 6

9. Solve and graph:  
 $|2x - 4| \geq 6$  ← OR  
 $2x - 4 \geq 6$  or  $2x - 4 \leq -6$   
 $+4 +4$   $+4 +4$   
 $\frac{2x \geq 10}{2}$   $\frac{2x \leq -2}{2}$   
 $x \geq 5$  or  $x \leq -1$

Previous Answer:  $x > 8$  or  $x < 4$  # 7

10. Solve and graph:  
 $|x| > 12$  ← OR  
 $x > 12$  or  $x < -12$

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AND inequalities:  $|A| < B$  or  $|A| \leq B$  (less than) results in  $-B < A < B$ ,  $-B \leq A \leq B$

\*If  $B < 0$ , then the answer is no solution

OR inequalities:

# how this circuit resource works

Then search for their answer on the worksheet. Once the answer is found, students complete the problem below it.

Students can track their path at the top.

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Previous Answer: No Solution # ____	Previous Answer: All Real Numbers # ____
1. Solve and graph: $2 x - 4  + 3 < 15$  ←————→	2. Solve and graph: $10 \leq \frac{1}{2} 4x + 2 $  ←————→
Previous Answer: $-7/2 \leq x \leq 3$ # ____	Previous Answer: $x \leq -5$ or $x \geq 11$ # ____
3. Solve and graph: $ 3x - 5  \leq 7$  ←————→	4. Solve and graph: $8 < \frac{2}{3} x + 6 $  ←————→

Students start with the first question.

The last question they answer should lead back to problem #1 to “close” the circuit.

# how to use this resource

This is a great activity to use when reviewing solving and graphing absolute value inequalities.

It can be used right after teaching the concept or as homework.

This is also a **substitute-friendly** assignment!

Name: **Answer Key** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 → **6** → **9** → **3** → **7** → **10** → **2** → **8** → **4** → **5** → 1

Previous Answer: No Solution # <b>5</b>	Previous Answer: All Real Numbers # <b>10</b>
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1. Solve and graph:  
 $2|x-4|+3 < 1$   
 $2|x-4| < -2$   
 $|x-4| < -1$   
 $-12 < x-4 < 12$   
 $+4 +4$   
 $-8 < x < 16$   


2. Solve and graph:  
 $OR$

3. Solve and graph:  
 $13x - 5| \leq 7$   
 $-7 \leq 3x - 5 \leq 7$   
 $+5 +5$   
 $-2 \leq 3x \leq 12$   
 $\frac{-2}{3} \leq x \leq 4$   


4. Solve and graph:  
 $-7/2 \leq x \leq$

5. Solve and graph:  
 $-3 > |2x+1|$   
 $|2x+1| < -1$   
**NO SOLUTION**

6. Solve and graph:  
 $-9 \leq x \leq -1$

7. Solve and graph:  
 $|x-6| > 2$  ← OR  
 $x-6 > 2$  or  $x-6 < -2$   
 $+6 +6$        $+6 +6$   
 $x > 8$  or  $x < 4$   


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 $|x+1| \leq 10$  ← AND  
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9. Solve and graph:  
 $|2x-4| \geq 6$  ← OR  
 $2x-4 \geq 6$  or  $2x-4 \leq -6$   
 $+4 +4$        $+4 +4$   
 $2x \geq 10$        $2x \leq -2$   
 $\frac{2x}{2} \geq \frac{10}{2}$        $\frac{2x}{2} \leq \frac{-2}{2}$   
 $x \geq 5$  or  $x \leq -1$   


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 $|x| > 12$  ← OR  
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The image shows a collage of algebra worksheets and a digital tablet. The worksheets include:

- Answer Key** for **ADDING & SUBTRACTING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS** and **SOLVING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS**.
- MULTIPLYING & DIVIDING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS** worksheet with problems like  $2. \frac{x}{x+4} \cdot \frac{x^2}{x^2-16}$ .
- SOLVING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS** worksheet with problems like  $2. 2x - 6y = -18$  and  $x = 3y - 4$ .

The digital tablet displays a self-checking activity titled **Rational Expression Operations - Addition & Subtraction**. The directions are: "Answer each question and type the question number with the matching answer in the answer column to the right." The activity consists of a table with 8 questions and 8 answers, with a path of colored lines connecting the questions to their corresponding answers.

#	Question	Answer	Type the matching question numbers here
1	$\frac{5}{x} + \frac{3}{x+1}$	$\frac{2x+1}{x+2}$	
2	$\frac{2}{x+4} - \frac{x^2}{x^2-16}$	$-\frac{1}{x^2-1}$	
3	$\frac{x+2}{x^2+4x+4} + \frac{2x}{x+2}$	$\frac{2x^2+2x+5}{x^2+x-2}$	
4	$\frac{x}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x-1}$	$-\frac{x^2+2x-8}{x^2-16}$	
5	$\frac{x}{4x+8} - \frac{1}{x^2+2x}$	$\frac{8x+5}{x^2+1}$	
6	$\frac{x+2}{x-1} + \frac{x-1}{x+2}$	$\frac{x^2-3x+7}{x^2-4}$	
7	$\frac{2x+1}{x^2-4} + \frac{x-3}{x+2}$	$\frac{x^2+2x-6}{x^2-3x+2}$	
8	$\frac{x^2+2x}{x^2-1} - \frac{x+1}{x-1}$	$\frac{x-2}{4x}$	

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hey there!

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