

Where could you be located if you are 7 units from zero?



You could also be 7 units to the left.

You could be 7 units to the right

## Section 3-6 Absolute Value Equations

What are possible values for  $x$  that make this statement true?

$$|x| = 13$$

because  $|-13|$  and  $|13|$  both equal 13:

$$x = \pm 13$$

Solve.

$$3|x - 7| = 45$$

$$|x - 7| = 15$$

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$$x = 22$$

$$x - 7 = -15$$

$$x = -8$$

Solve.

$$|x - 9.4| + 1.8 = 15$$

$$|x - 9.4| = 13.2$$

$$x - 9.4 = 13.2 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 9.4 = -13.2$$

$$x = 22.6 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -3.8$$

Solve.

$$2|5x + 1| - 14 = 6$$

$+14 \quad +14$

$$\frac{2|5x + 1|}{2} = \frac{20}{2} \rightarrow |5x + 1| = 10$$

$$5x + 1 = 10 \quad 5x + 1 = -10$$

$-1 \quad -1$

$$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{9}{5} \quad \frac{5x}{5} = \frac{-11}{5}$$

$$x = 1.8 \quad x = -2.2$$

Solve.

$$\frac{2.7|4x|}{2.7} = \frac{8.1}{2.7} \quad |4x| = 3$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{4x}{4} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$x = .75 \quad x = -.75 \quad x = \pm .75$$

Solve.

$$|10x + 13.9| + 26 = 15$$

$-26 \quad -26$

$$|10x + 13.9| = -11 \quad \text{NO SOL}$$

The absolute value won't give a negative answer.

Solve.

$$\left| \frac{2}{3}x \right| - 7 = 13 \quad \left| \frac{2}{3}x \right| = 20$$

$+7 \quad +7$

$$\frac{2}{3}x = 20 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2}{3}x = -20$$

$\times 3 \quad \times 3$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{60}{2} \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{-60}{2}$$

$$x = 30 \quad x = -30$$

You can now finish Hwk #17

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Solve.

$$4 + 3(x - 7) + x \leq 11 - (x + 6) + 5x$$
$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4 + 3x - 21 + x & \leq & 11 - x - 6 + 5x \\ -17 + 4x & & 5 + 4x \\ -4x & & -4x \end{array}$$
$$-17 \leq 5 \quad \text{true}$$

Since all the variable terms cancelled from the problem and you are left with a true statement the answer is **All Real Numbers**

Solve:  $\frac{11}{9} - \frac{7}{6}M < \frac{5}{12}$

$$\frac{4}{4} \cdot \frac{11}{9} - \frac{6}{6} \cdot \frac{7}{6}M < \frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{3}{3}$$

Get all parts of this equation to have the same denominator (LCM of 9, 6, and 12 is 36)

$$\frac{44}{36} - \frac{42}{36}M < \frac{15}{36}$$

You can now eliminate all the denominators

$$\frac{44}{-44} - \frac{42M}{-44} < \frac{15}{-44}$$

Finish solving the 2-step equation that remains

$$\frac{-42M}{-42} < \frac{-29}{-42}$$

since you divided both sides by a negative # you must flip the direction of the inequality

$$M > \frac{29}{42}$$