雙語教學主題（國中七年級教材）：介紹一元一次不等式
Topic：introducing linear inequality

這個單元常用到的一些用語
Some words or expressions we use in this topic

| greater than $>$ | greater than or equal to $\geq$ |
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| less than $<$ | less than or equal to $\leq$ |
| at least 至少 | at most 最多 |
| substitue | infinite |
| compound inequality | 含有兩個不等符號的一元一次不等式 |


| $\begin{aligned} & 3=3 \\ & x=7 \\ & x+2 y=-2 \end{aligned}$ | We have learned equations like linear equations in one or two variables in which numbers are equal |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 7 \neq 2 \\ & 3<5 \\ & x \geq-4 \\ & \ldots \\ & \text { These are called Inequalities } \end{aligned}$ | Actually，there are more numbers that are not equal <br> When we compare two numbers that are not equal，we use inequality signs to show the relations between them <br> For instance <br> 7 is not equal to 2 <br> 3 is less than 5 <br> $X$ is greater than or equal to negative 4 |
| The meaning of inequality signs <br> $>$ greater than | Examples： $x>3:$ <br> $x$ is greater than 3 <br> means the value of $x$ can be 3．0001，4， or 1000， $\qquad$ <br> But $x \neq 3$ and $x$ can not be 2．9999，-5 or －10000，．．．．．． |
| ＜less than | $\mathrm{y}<0$ ： <br> y is less than 0 <br> means the value of $y$ can be any <br> negative numbers：－0．0001，-4 or |


|  | $-1000, . . . . . .$ <br> But $\mathrm{y} \neq 0$ and y can not be any positive numbers like $0.1,5$, or 10000 , ...... |
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| $\geq$ greater than or equal to | $a \geq 5$ : <br> a is greater than or equal to 5 means the value of a can be 5 , or a can be $6,7 \frac{2}{5}$,or $150, \ldots . .$. <br> But a can never be 4.999, 3, 0 or -300...... |
| $\leq$ less than or equal to | $b \leq-2$ : <br> $b$ is less than or equal to -2 <br> means the value of $b$ can be -2 , $a n d b$ <br> can also be -2.0001, -4, or -1000, ....... <br> But b can be like -1.9999, 5 or 10000, ...... |
| Say your driving speed is $\mathrm{xkm} / \mathrm{hr}$ then $\mathrm{x} \leq 100$ <br> 100 <br> 60 <br> also $x \geq 60$ <br> We combine these two expressions and get a compound inequality $60 \leq x \leq 100$ <br> This means your driving speed $x$ can be $60,100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ or in between | Let's see some examples <br> This is a speed limit sign on a highway <br> The red number 100 means the maximum of your driving speed is $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ <br> So $x$ can be $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ or Of course, your driving speed $x$ can be lower than 100 km/hr <br> The blue number 60 means the minimum of your driving speed is $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ <br> So $x$ can be $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ or your driving speed x must be over 60 km/hr |


| If a movie is rated with this sign, means this movie is restricted if your age is under 15 , <br> If your age a $<15$, you can not watch this movie <br> You can watch this movie only when you are older than 15 or above | In Taiwan, we have movie ratings system |
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|  <br> It says: <br> If the movie is rated PG-13 <br> Means you can watch this movie only when your age is 13 or above <br> Let's say your age is y <br> You can not watch this movie if your age $\mathrm{y}<13$ <br> Only your age $y \geq 13$ is allowed to watch this movie | In many other countries, they also have their movie rating system. This is one of them <br> The Motion Picture Association film rating system is used in some countries to rate a motion picture's suitability for certain audiences based on its content |

Graphing linear inequalities

| For example: <br> $x \geq-4$ <br> If $x=5$, we substitute 5 in place of $x$ we get $5 \geq-4$, which is true we say 5 is a solution to this inequality <br> If $x=-100$, we substitute -100 in place of x we get $-100 \geq-4$, which is definitely not true, we say -100 is not a solution of this inequality | When we say a value is a solution to an inequality, it means we plug this value into the variable, and the inequality is true |
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| The solution for $x \geq-4$ can be any values like $4,4 \frac{1}{3}, 5,100$, $\cdots \rightarrow$ infinity | The solutions to an inequality are mostly more than one, and normally more to infinite possible answers, we can never finish writing down all of them <br> So for us 7 graders, the easiest way to show all the solutions is graphing on the number line which we learned in last semester |
| $\underset{\|1\|}{\text { snaller }} \underset{\|1\|}{\longrightarrow} \text { bigger }$ | The values decrease as they move to the left hand side of the number line, and the values increase as they move to the right hand side along the number line |
|  | Now we plot the solutions for inequality $x \geq-4$ on the number line First, we get -4 on the number line we know that all the numbers greater than -4 or equal to -4 are the solutions |
| $\longrightarrow$ | so we shade the right hand side from -4 on the line |
| . | Since $x=-4$ is also a solution, we put a |


 | closed circle on the number -4 to |
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| indicate that $x=-4$ is Included |


|  | It will help a lot when we can read the inequalities from both sides <br> Especially when we are going to solve the inequalities in the next section |
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| $x \geq-4$ $\qquad$ $x \geq-4$ <br> $x$ is greater than or equal to negative 4 | from left to right |
| $x \geq-4$ <br> negative 4 is less than or equal to $x$ | from right to left |
| $-3 \leq m<2$ |  |
| $\qquad$ $-3 \leq m<2$ <br> negative 3 is less than or equal to $m$ and $m$ is less than 2 | from left to right |
| $-3 \leq m<2$ $\qquad$ <br> 2 is greater than $m$ and $m$ is greater than or equal to negative 3 | from right to left |

Let's do some practice:

Write the following sentences as inequalities:

1. A number $p$ plus 4 is less than or equal to 10

Ans: $\qquad$
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Ans: $\qquad$
3. Twice a number $z$ is fewer than -6

Ans: $\qquad$
4. A number n divided by -3 is at least 3

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Ans: $\qquad$ $\mathrm{p}+4 \leq 10$
2. 3 times a number c is at most 15 Ans: $\qquad$
3. Twice a number $z$ is fewer than -6 Ans: $\qquad$ $2 z<-6$
4. A number n divided by -3 is at least 3 Ans: $\qquad$


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