

3.6**Quadratic Inequalities**

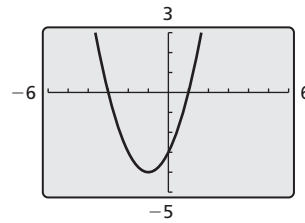
For use with Exploration 3.6

Essential Question How can you solve a quadratic inequality?**1 EXPLORATION: Solving a Quadratic Inequality****Work with a partner.** The graphing calculator screen shows the graph of

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3.$$

Explain how you can use the graph to solve the inequality

$$x^2 + 2x - 3 \leq 0.$$



Then solve the inequality.

2 EXPLORATION: Solving Quadratic Inequalities**Work with a partner.** Match each inequality with the graph of its related quadratic function on the next page. Then use the graph to solve the inequality.

a. $x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0$

b. $x^2 - 4x + 3 \leq 0$

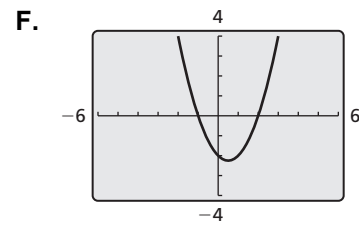
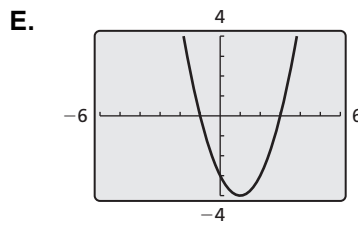
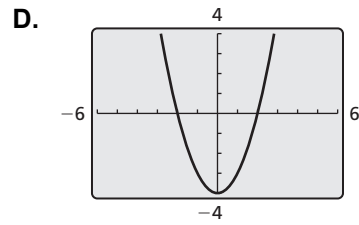
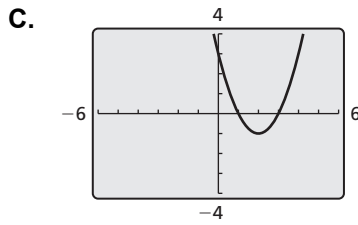
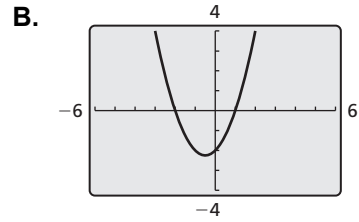
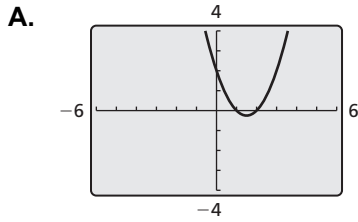
c. $x^2 - 2x - 3 < 0$

d. $x^2 + x - 2 \geq 0$

e. $x^2 - x - 2 < 0$

f. $x^2 - 4 > 0$

3.6 Quadratic Inequalities (continued)



Communicate Your Answer

3. How can you solve a quadratic inequality?

4. Explain how you can use the graph in Exploration 1 to solve each inequality. Then solve each inequality.

a. $x^2 + 2x - 3 > 0$

b. $x^2 + 2x - 3 < 0$

c. $x^2 + 2x - 3 \geq 0$

3.6**Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 3.6

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

quadratic inequality in two variables

quadratic inequality in one variable

Core Concepts**Graphing a Quadratic Inequality in Two Variables**

To graph a quadratic inequality in one of the following forms,

$$y < ax^2 + bx + c \qquad y > ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$y \leq ax^2 + bx + c \qquad y \geq ax^2 + bx + c,$$

follow these steps.

Step 1 Graph the parabola with the equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$. Make the parabola *dashed* for inequalities with $<$ or $>$ and *solid* for inequalities with \leq or \geq .

Step 2 Test a point (x, y) inside the parabola to determine whether the point is a solution of the inequality.

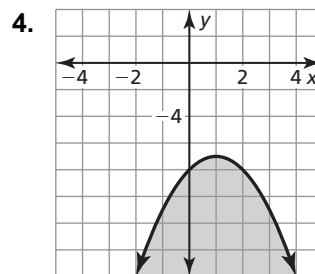
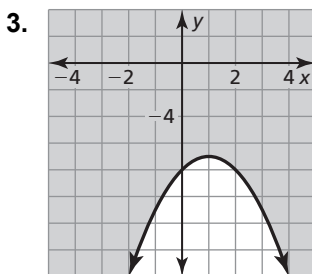
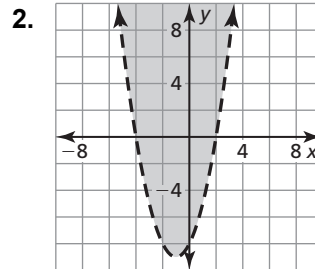
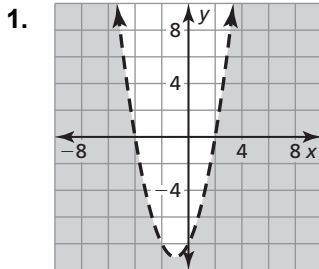
Step 3 Shade the region inside the parabola if the point from Step 2 is a solution. Shade the region outside the parabola if it is not a solution.

Notes:

3.6 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–4, match the graph with its inequality. Explain your reasoning.



A. $y < x^2 + 2x - 8$

B. $y \leq -x^2 + 2x - 8$

C. $y > x^2 + 2x - 8$

D. $y \geq -x^2 + 2x - 8$

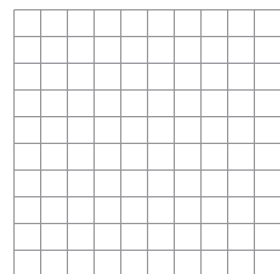
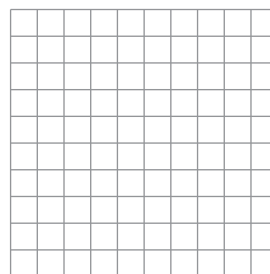
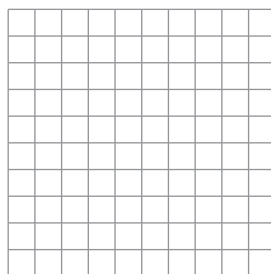
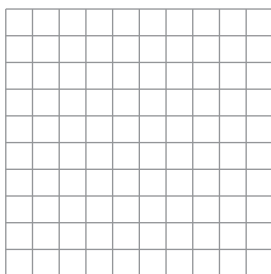
In Exercises 5–8, graph the inequality.

5. $y < x^2 + 2$

6. $y \leq -5x^2$

7. $y \geq -(x + 4)^2 - 1$

8. $y < 4x^2 + 4x + 1$

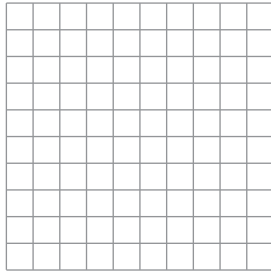


9. Accident investigators use the formula $d = 0.01875v^2$, where d is the braking distance of a car (in feet) and v is the speed of the car (in miles per hour) to determine how fast a car is going at the time of an accident. For what speeds v would a car leave a tire mark on the road of over 1 foot?

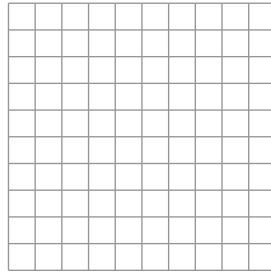
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In Exercises 10–12, graph the system of quadratic inequalities.

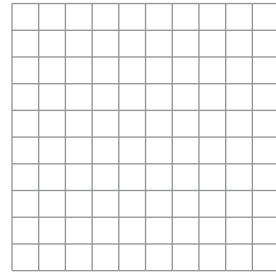
10. $y \leq -x^2$
 $y > -3x^2 + 3$



11. $y \geq x^2 + 5x$
 $y \geq (x + 2)^2 - 1$



12. $y > x^2 - 7x - 8$
 $y < -x^2 + 6x + 5$



In Exercises 13–15, solve the inequality algebraically.

13. $16x^2 > 100$

14. $x^2 \leq 15x - 34$

15. $-\frac{1}{5}x^2 + 10x \geq -25$

16. The profit for a hot dog company is given by the equation $y = -0.02x^2 + 140x - 2500$, where x is the number of hot dogs produced and y is the profit (in dollars). How many hot dogs must be produced so that the company will generate a profit of at least \$150,000?