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b)  $3a - 3 + 2a + 4 = 5a + 6$

2. Here is a bar model,



Which inequality does the bar model represent?

$3t < 5$

$2t > t + 5$

$2t < t + 5$

3. Solve.

a)  $2a < a + 5$

b)  $3a \leq 2a + 5$

c)  $4a > 2a + 10$

4. Simplify and solve.

a)  $t + 3t \geq 20 + 2t$

b)  $4t < -20 + t + t$



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5. Solve.

a)  $3y + 2 < 2y + 10$

b)  $4a - 2 < 2a + 10$

c)  $5t + 2 \geq 2t - 10$

6. Simplify and solve.

a)  $5a + 2 > 2a + 10 + a$

b)  $3(t + 2) \leq 2t + 10$

7. Spot the mistake.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3a + 5 > 2a - 5 \\ -2a \quad \downarrow \quad -2a \\ a + 5 > -5 \\ -5 \quad \downarrow \quad -5 \\ a > 0 \end{array}$$

8. Represent the inequality

$3y + 9 \geq 2y + 8$  on the number line.



# Answers



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1. True or false?

a)  $2a - a + 5 = a + 5$  True

b)  $3a - 3 + 2a + 4 = 5a + 6$   
False,  $5a + 1$

2. Here is a bar model,



Which inequality does the bar model represent?

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3. Solve.

a)  $2a < a + 5$   $a < 5$

b)  $3a \leq 2a + 5$   $a \leq 5$

c)  $4a > 2a + 10$   $a > 5$

4. Simplify and solve.

a)  $t + 3t \geq 20 + 2t$   $t \geq 10$

b)  $4t < -20 + t + t$   $t < -10$



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5. Solve.

a)  $3y + 2 < 2y + 10$   $y < 8$

b)  $4a - 2 < 2a + 10$   $a < 6$

c)  $5t + 2 \geq 3t - 10$   $t \geq -4$

6. Simplify and solve.

a)  $5a + 2 > 2a + 10 + a$   $a > 4$

b)  $3(t + 2) \leq 2t + 10$   $t \leq 4$

7. Spot the mistake.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3a + 5 > 2a - 5 \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{\textit{-2a}} \downarrow \\ \text{\textit{-5}} \downarrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{\textit{-2a}} \downarrow \\ \text{\textit{-5}} \downarrow \end{array} \\ a + 5 > -5 \\ \text{\textit{a > 0}} \end{array}$$

It should be  $a > -10$

8. Represent the inequality

$3y + 9 \geq 2y + 8$  on the number line.

