

# Compound Inequalities!

Before we learn about them, we are going to have a quick refresher on SETs!

REVIEW

## Set Notation

A *Set* is a collection of "well-defined" objects.

"well-defined means that there is a rule for determining whether or not the object is in the set.

*Elements* are the objects in a set.

We use curly braces { } to enclose the elements. If we have set D that includes elements 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, then we would write it like:

$$D=\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

When we list the elements out like this, we are representing the set using the *Roster Method*.

- a.) Use the Roster Method to represent the set of all even digits.

## Set Notation Cont.

*Set-Builder Notation* is a way to denote a set.

For Example: The numbers in set  $D=\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  are called Digits. Set-Builder Notation would be  $D=\{x|x \text{ is a digit}\}$ .

We name sets by using capital letters.

Ex: We could name the set of even numbers E.  
So,  $E=\{x|x \text{ is an even number}\}$

When we talk about rules for sets, we usually use the sets A and B.

Most of our definitions will have sets A and B.

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### Sets

Consider the table:

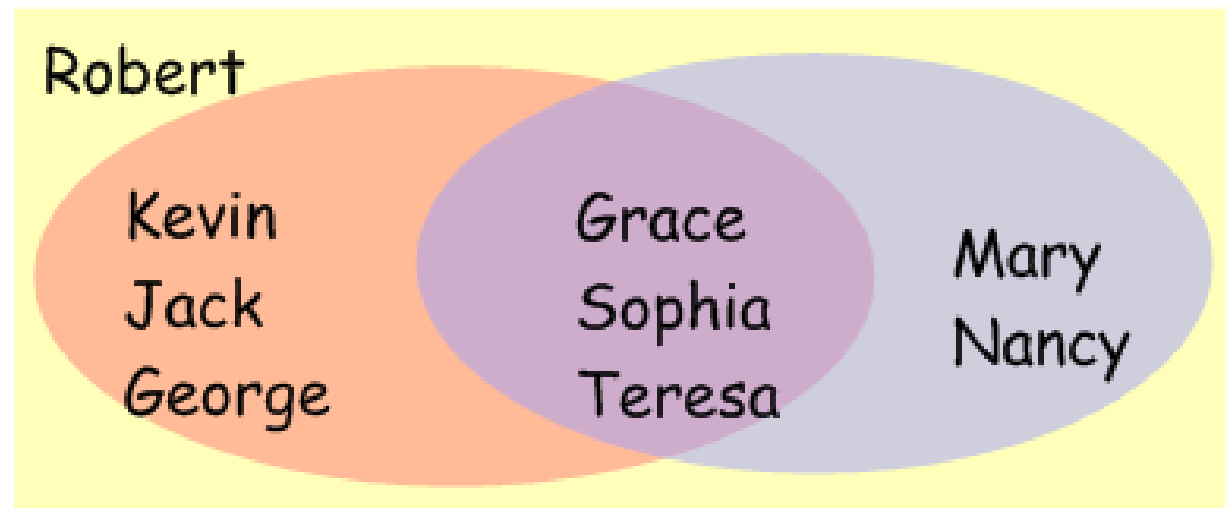
Let set **A** be the set of all students whose age is less than 25.

**A** = {Grace, Sophia, Kevin, Jack, George, Teresa}

**B** = {Grace, Sophia, Mary, Nancy, Teresa}

Let set **B** be the set of all students who are female.

Student	Age	Gender
Grace	19	F
Sophia	23	F
Kevin	20	M
Robert	32	M
Jack	19	M
Mary	35	F
Nancy	40	F
George	22	M
Teresa	20	F



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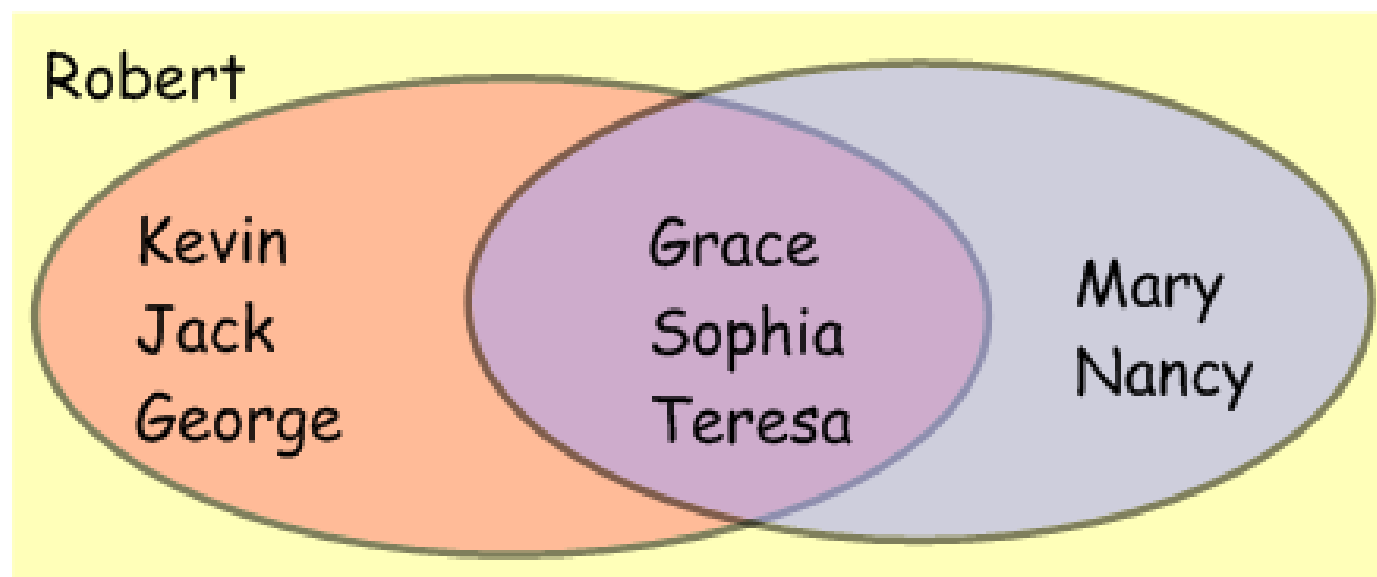
#### *Example 1:*

a.) List all the students that are in set A or set B.

This is called the  
**Union** of the sets.

Written as:

$$A \cup B$$



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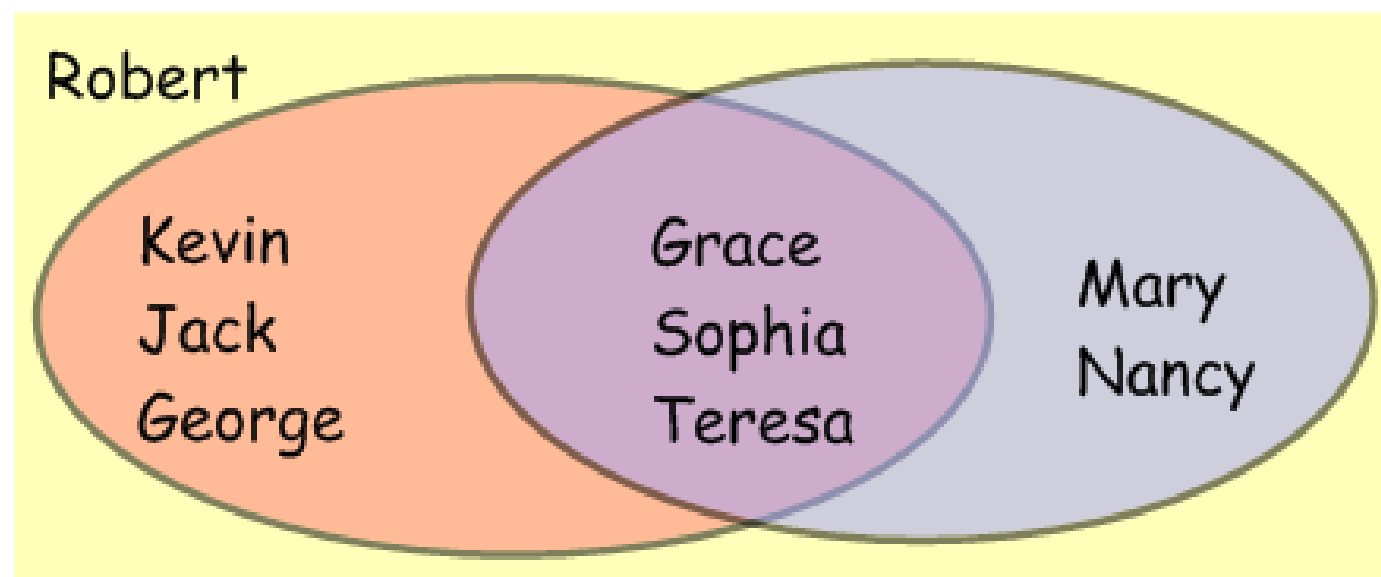
*Example 1 (cont.):*

b.) List all the students that are in A and B.

This is called the  
**Intersection** of the sets.

Written as:

$$A \cap B$$





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### Example 2:

Find the Intersection and the Union of the sets.

$$A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$$

$$B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

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### Example 3:

Find the Intersection and the Union of the sets.

$$A = \{x \mid x \leq 2\}, \quad B = \{x \mid x \geq -1\}, \quad C = \{x \mid x < -3\}$$

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## Compound Inequalities:

Compound inequalities are just two regular inequalities smashed into one using "and" or "or".

For Example:

Two regular inequalities are  $3x + 1 > 4$ ,  $2x - 3 < 7$ .

If we put an "and" or an "or" in between, then we make a compound inequality.

$$3x + 1 > 4 \text{ and } 2x - 3 < 7$$

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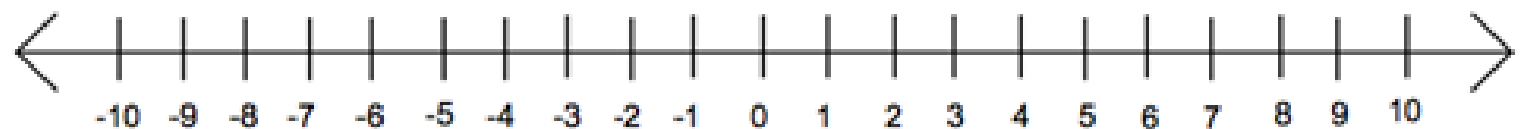
### Example 4: Inequalities involving "AND"

Solve  $3x + 2 > -7$  and  $4x + 1 \leq 9$ . Graph the solution set.

#### Steps to solve a compound inequality involving "and":

**Step 1:** Solve each inequality separately.

**Step 2:** Find the INTERSECTION of the solution sets.



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We can write inequalities involving "and" a little more compactly.

If we have  $a < b$  and our answers are  $x > a$  and  $x < b$ , we can write them like this:

$$a < x < b$$

For example:

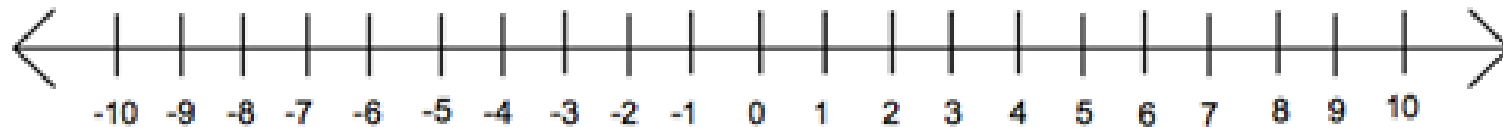
If we have  $x > -2$  and  $x < 5$ , we can write them like this:

$$-2 < x < 5$$

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Example 5:

Solve  $-3 < -4x + 1 < 13$ . Graph the solution set.



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### Example 6: Inequalities involving "OR"

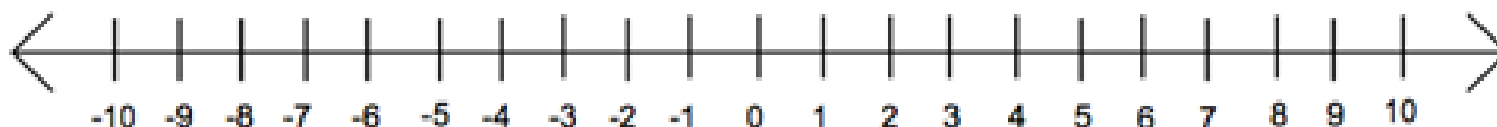
Solve  $\frac{1}{2}x - 1 < 1$  or  $\frac{2x - 1}{3} \geq -1$

Graph the solution set.

### Steps to solve a compound inequality involving "or":

Step 1: Solve each inequality separately.

Step 2: Find the UNION of the solution sets.

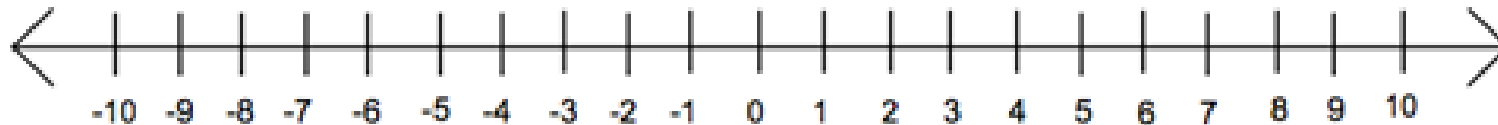




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Example 7: Solve and graph.

$$5(x + 2) > 20 \text{ or } 4(x - 4) < -20$$



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**Ex 8:** In 2005, a married couple filing a joint federal tax return whose income places them in the 25% tax bracket will pay federal income taxes between \$8180 and \$23,317.50, inclusive. The couple must pay federal income taxes equal to \$8180 plus 25% of the amount over \$59,400. Find the range of taxable income the couple makes in order for them to be in the 25% tax bracket.

### Step 1: Identify

We need to find the range of taxable income for a married couple in the 25% tax bracket. This is a direct translation problem involving an inequality.

### Step 2: Name

Let's have  $t$  represent the taxable income.

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### Step 3: Translate

Find the range of taxable income.

The federal tax bill equals \$8180 plus 25% of the taxable income over \$59,4000.  
Because the tax bill is between \$8180 and \$23,317.50, we have:

$$8180 \leq 8180 + 0.25(t - 59,400) \leq 23,317.50$$

### Step 4 : Solve

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Step 5: Check

Find the range of taxable income.

Step 6: Answer the Question

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Homework:

Pg 109-112: #'s 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11-19 all,  
21-43 odds, 79, 80, 81, 85  
(30 problems)

On #'s 17 - 43, please give the  
intersection/union in set builder  
notation, interval notation, and graph.

## Homework: Alternative

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79, 80, 83

(24 problems)

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