Reteach: Write and Graph Inequalities

Example 1

Write an inequality for the sentence.

Fewer than 70 students attended the last dance.

Words Fewer than 70 students attended the last dance.

Variable Let s = the number of students.

Inequality s < 70

Example 2

Graph each inequality on a number line.

a. x > 8



The **open dot** means 8 does *not* make the sentence true. The graph to the right means that numbers greater than 8 make the sentence true.

b. $x \le 8$



The **closed dot** means 8 *does* make the sentence true. The graph to the left means that numbers less than 8 make the sentence true.

Exercises

Write an inequality for each sentence.

- 1. The maximum height h is 45 feet.
- **2.** The adult male elephants m all weighed over 12,000 pounds.
- **3.** The maximum fee f for any student is \$15.
- **4.** You must be at least 38 inches tall to ride the roller coaster.

Graph each inequality on the number line.

$$5. x > 7$$

5.
$$x > 7$$
6. $s \ge 5$
7. $m < 2$

8.
$$f \le 6$$

