

**LESSON**  
**3-5**

**Problem Solving**

**Solving Inequalities With Variables on Both Sides**

Write and solve an inequality for each situation.

- 1. Rosa has decided to sell pet rocks at an art fair for \$5 each. She has paid \$50 to rent a table at the fair and it costs her \$2 to package each rock with a set of instructions. For what numbers of sales will Rosa make a profit?
- 2. Jamie has a job paying \$25,000 and expects to receive a \$1000 raise each year. Wei has a job paying \$19,000 a year and expects a \$1500 raise each year. For what span of time is Jamie making more money than Wei?

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- 3. Sophia types 75 words per minute and is just starting to write a term paper. Patton already has 510 words written and types at a speed of 60 words per minute. For what numbers of minutes will Sophia have more words typed than Patton?
- 4. Keith is racing his little sister Pattie and has given her a 15 foot head start. She runs 5 ft/sec and he is chasing at 8 ft/sec. For how long can Pattie stay ahead of Keith?

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The table below shows the population of four cities in 2004 and the amount of population change from 2003. Use this table to answer questions 5–6.

- 5. If the trends in this table continue, after how many years  $y$  will the population of Manchester, NH, be more than the population of Vallejo, CA? Round your answer to the nearest tenth of a year.

- A  $y > 0.2$                       C  $y > 34.6$
- B  $y > 6.4$                         D  $y > 78.6$

- 6. If the trends in this table continue, for how long  $x$  will the population of Carrollton, TX be less than the population of Lakewood, CO? Round your answer to the nearest tenth of a year.

- F  $x < 11.7$                       H  $x < 20.1$
- G  $x < 14.6$                       J  $x < 28.3$

City	Population (2004)	Population Change (from 2003)
Lakewood, CO	141,301	-830
Vallejo, CA	118,349	-1155
Carrollton, TX	117,823	+1170
Manchester, NH	109,310	+261