

1. An irrational number is a number that cannot be expressed as a ratio of two numbers ( $a/b$ ). Common irrational numbers are decimals that are non-terminating and do not repeat. Examples include  $\pi$  and  $\sqrt{2}$ .

Let's investigate the answer choices:

- A)  $\sqrt{36} = \sqrt{6^2} = 6$  and 6 can be expressed as the ratio of two numbers  $6/1$  (rational)  
 B)  $\sqrt{14} = 3.74165\dots$  is a decimal that is non-terminating and non-repeating (irrational)  
 C)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.66666\dots$  is a decimal that is non-terminating but repeats (rational)  
 D)  $\sqrt[3]{-8}$  the third root of  $-8 = -2$   $\sqrt[3]{(-2)^3} = -2$  (rational)

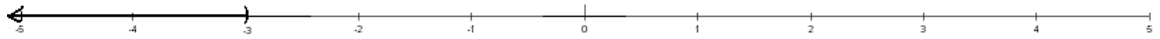
$\sqrt{14}$  is the only one that cannot be expressed as a ratio of two numbers. Answer is B.

2. This problem deals with inequalities.

$$x < -3$$

Reads "x is less than -3"

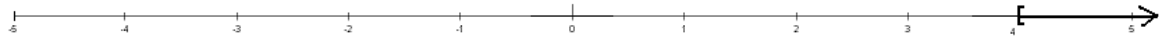
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$$x \geq 4$$

Reads "x is greater than or equal to 4"

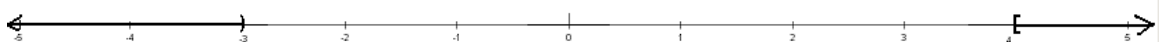
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The  $)$  symbol is to show exclusion. When you use the symbol  $)$  or  $($  it means that the solution does not contain that number. Use this symbol when you use  $>$  or  $<$ .

The  $[$  symbol is used to show inclusion. When you use the symbol  $]$  or  $[$  the solution includes that number. Use this symbol when you use  $\leq$  or  $\geq$ .

The final solution will combine both graphs.



Answer is A