Word Problems Leading to Inequalities - Guided Lesson Explanation

Explanation #1

let x = number of plates It can't be greater than \$60.

Mike also needs to save \$20 and spent \$12.50.

Each plate (x) is \$2.50. Let's put it all together

$$60 \ge 12.50 + 20.00 + 2.50x = 60 \ge 32.50 + 2.50x$$

$$27.50 \ge 2.50x = 11 \ge x$$

x = 11 Mike can buy 11 plates.

Explanation #2

-0.6x - 6 > -8.6

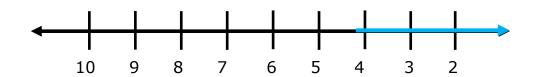
-0.6x > -8.6 + 6

-0.6x > -2.6 (When dividing by a negative, you "flip" the sign)

$$x < -2.6/-0.6$$

x < 4.3

Let's put it on a number line:



Explanation #3

x = pairs of shoes

$$16 + 8x \le 80$$

$$8x \le 80 - 16$$

 $x \le 8 --> 8$ pairs of shoes is the most she can purchase.