As shown on the number line below, k represents an unknown number between 2 and 3. Plot each of the following, extending the line if necessary:



The equation |x - 7| = 2 is a translation of "the distance from x to 7 is 2."

(a) Translate $|x - 7| \le 2$ into English, and graph its solutions on a number line.

(b) Convert "the distance from -5 to x is at most 3" into symbolic form, and solve it.

Fill in the blanks:

(a) The inequality |x - 1.96| < 1.04 is equivalent to "x is between _____ and ____."

(b) The inequality $|x - 2.45| \ge 4.5$ is equivalent to "x is not between _____ and _____."

Rearrange the eight words "between", "4", "the", "17", "is", "and", "x", and "distance" to form a sentence that is equivalent to the equation |x-17| = 4. By working with a number line, find the values of x that fit the equation.

Jay thinks that the inequality k < 3 implies the inequality $k^2 < 9$, but Val thinks otherwise. Who is right, and why?