VARIOUS NOTATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

	Graph			Set Notation	Verbal Description	Interval Notation
<u></u>	6	8	×	$\{x 6 \le x < 8\}$	$x \ge 6$ and $x < 8$	[6, 8)
_	6	8	×	$\{x x < 6 \text{ or } x \ge 8\}$	$x < 6 \text{ or } x \ge 8$	(-∞,6) ∪ [8,∞)
-			× ×	$\{x . x \in \mathbb{R}_{\cdot}\}$	x is any real number	(-∞,∞)
		**************************************	× X	$x \in \phi$	There is no possible value for x	φ
-	6		X	$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq 6\}$	x is any real except $x \neq 6$	(-∞,6) ∪ (6,-∞)
o	6	8	X	$\{x \mid 4 < x \le 6 \text{ or } x > 8\}$	$(x > 4 \text{ and } x \le 6) \text{ or } (x > 8)$	(4,6] ∪ (8,∞)

Notes

- 1. In interval notation, use parenthesis with $-\infty$ or ∞ .
- 2. A statement such as "6 > x > 8" is false since x cannot be less than 6 and also greater than 8.
- 3. A statement such as "6 < x > 8" is meaningless.
- 4. A continuous inequality, such as "6 < x < 8" can be read as "x is between 6 and 8".
- 5. A disconnected graph, such as the last one shown above, must be expressed using "U" or "or".

