

1.1 Solving Multi-Step Equations

Solving Multi-Step Equations: Work the order of operations backwards until you have isolated the variable!
Remember to think opposites!

Step 1: Combine any like terms that follow order of operations.

Step 2: Look for any addition or subtraction, and do the opposite.

Step 3: Look for any multiplication or division, and do the opposite.

Step 4: Look for any exponents, and take the opposite root.

Step 5: Look for any parenthesis, and apply the opposite operation from what is inside the parenthesis.

NOTE: If there is only one fraction, isolate the fraction and then get rid of the denominator before you do anything else!

Example 1: Solve $\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + 5 = 14$

Example 2: Solve $\left(\frac{x+5}{2}\right) - 6 = -5$

Example 3: Solve $3\left(\frac{c}{15}\right) - 1 = -31$

Challenge! Solve for x: $\frac{2x+6-4x}{4} = 5$

Classwork: Complete the following in class for credit. Solve for each variable. Show all work for credit!

1. $2k - 7 = 23$

2. $12 = -5h + 2$

3. $8 + \left(\frac{c}{-4}\right) = 12$

4. $5 + 4(n + 9) = -3$

5. $7 - 4(d - 3) = 23$

6. $5 = 6(q - 5) - 19$

7. $2(3t - 8) - 4t = 10$

8. $9 - 4(2p - 1) = 45$

9. $\frac{2x + 4}{2} = 8$

10. $\frac{7 + x}{3} = 9$

11. $\frac{2(x - 4)}{5} = 12$

12. $\frac{3(2 + x)}{-5} = 3$