



Solve Multi-Step Equations

Use the Distributive Property to solve the equation $3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$ for x .

1. $3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$

Multiply both terms inside the parentheses by 3.

$$(\quad)(x) + (\quad)(-7) = 2x + 4$$

$$\quad x - \quad = 2x + 4$$

Combine like terms.

$$\quad x - \quad - \quad = 2x + 4 - \quad$$

Subtract $2x$ from both sides.

$$\quad - \quad = 4$$

$$\quad - \quad + \quad = 4 + \quad$$

Add 21 to both sides.

$$x = \quad$$

2. The solution is $x = \quad$.

3. Check. Substitute the solution into the equation for x .

$$3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$$

$$3(\quad - 7) = 2(\quad) + 4$$

$$3(\quad) = \quad + 4$$

$$\quad = \quad$$

Solve $2(x + 40 + 7x) = 4x + 20$ for x .

4. $2(x + 40 + 7x) = 4x + 20$

Combine like terms inside the parentheses.

$$2(\quad x + 40) = 4x + 20$$

$$2(\quad x) + 2(\quad) = 4x + 20$$

Use the Distributive Property.

$$\quad x + \quad = 4x + 20$$

$$16x + 80 - \quad x = 4x + 20 - \quad x$$

Subtract $4x$ from both sides.

$$\quad x + 80 - \quad = 20 - \quad$$

Subtract 80 from both sides.

$$\quad x = \quad$$

Divide both sides by 12.

$$x = \quad$$

5. The solution is $x = \quad$.

**Solve Multi-Step Equations** (continued)Solve each equation for x .

6. $-4x + 3x + 2 = 6$

7. $6 - x - 3x = -10$

8. $3 + 3x + 5 + 4x = 29$

9. $4x + 6 = x + 12$

10. $6x - 6 = 3(x + 2)$

11. $5x + 8 = x + 2x - 2$

12. $3(x - 6) + 9x = 30$

13. $4(2x + 3x + 8) = 72$

14. $-3(3x - 5) + 4x = 30$

15. $7x - 18 = 3x + 6$

16. $2x + 4 = x + 3(x + 2)$

17. $5x - 8 = x + 2(x - 2)$

18. $2(6x - 4) + 8 = 36$

19. $\frac{1}{2}(x - 8) = 14$

20. $3(1.5x - 4) = 6$

21. $\frac{1}{4}(x + 8) = x + 2$

22. $4.2(x - 2) = x + 2$

23. $2.3(2x + 4) = 0.6x + 10$

24. $5(3x + 2x + 10)$
 $= 150$

25. $12 + 4x - 2$
 $= 3(x + 6) - x$

26. $16 + 8(x + 3) - 2x$
 $= 82$

27. $3(5x + 6x - 10)$
 $= 5(2x + 40)$

28. $4 + 7(x + 4)$
 $= 2(x + 4) + x$

29. $\frac{1}{2}(4x + 16 + 6x)$
 $= 17x + 2$

30. **Reasoning** What is the first step when solving the equation
 $8(6x - 4) + 10 = 74$?