

## Solving Two-Step Equations

When solving equations we are **UNDOING** the order of operations. So, in most cases we will...

- Undo any addition and/or subtraction first using the opposite operation
- Undo any multiplication and/or division next using the opposite operation

### Example One

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Solve:  $3x + 2 = 17$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline 3x \quad = 15 \end{array}$$

Subtract 2 from each side of the equation

$$3x = 15$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{15}{3}$$

Divide both sides of the equation by 3

$$x = 5$$

### Example Two

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Solve:  $\frac{x}{3} - 4 = 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} +4 \quad +4 \\ \hline \frac{x}{3} \quad = 5 \end{array}$$

Add 4 to each side of the equation

$$\frac{x}{3} = 5$$

$$(3)\frac{x}{3} = 5(3)$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by 3

$$x = 15$$

### Example Three

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Solve:  $5 - \frac{2}{3}x = -3$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \quad = -5 \\ \hline -\frac{2}{3}x \quad = -8 \end{array}$$

Subtract 5 from each side of the equation

$$-\frac{2}{3}x = -8$$

$$\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}x\right) = (-8)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by  $-\frac{3}{2}$

$$1x = 12$$

$$x = 12$$

### Try These

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1.  $3x + 2 = 8$

2.  $2y - 4 = 8$

3.  $-2 + 7n = 33$

4.  $20 - \frac{k}{5} = 17$

5.  $6 = \frac{1}{4}m + 2$

6.  $4 - 9w = -77$

# What Do You Get When You . . .

## 1 Cross a fast dog with a bumblebee?

-16 -12 30 315 2 36 -15 15 -42 -18 -40 44 56 -42 -5 -5

## 2 Cross an airplane with a magician?

-16 98 -2 7 36 -27 -18 30 295 8 15 315 168 2 315 2 315



Solve each equation or problem and find your solution in the code. Each time the solution appears, write the letter of the exercise above it.



S.  $2 + 9n = 74$

E.  $-18y + 7 = -29$

H.  $11 - 4d = 71$

C.  $-8 + \frac{x}{7} = 16$

I.  $-\frac{1}{3}p + 1 = 10$

U.  $15 - \frac{w}{6} = 22$

G.  $\frac{2}{5}y + 8 = 20$

A.  $-12 + 5k = -92$

D.  $-\frac{3}{8}x - 11 = 4$

F.  $-28 = 13q - 2$

O.  $30 = 10 + \frac{4}{3}m$

L.  $-48 = -6y - 6$

B.  $8 - \frac{5}{7}x = -32$

Z.  $65 + 13t = 0$

N.  $100 = 1 - \frac{11}{2}n$

Y. Mr. Mustard said: "Eight less than three times my age is 100." How old is Mr. Mustard?

R. You are a salesperson for Acme Toys. Every day you earn \$30 plus two ninths of your sales. What dollar amount of sales do you need today to earn \$100?