

Algebra 1 Workbook

Systems of two equations



2-STEP PROBLEMS

■ 1. Why can't you solve the following 2-step problem?

If
$$2(x-1) - 3 = 9 + x$$
, what is $y + 2$?

2. If
$$5 - 2x = 17$$
, what is $x - 1$?

■ 3. Describe in words how you would solve the following 2-step problem.

If
$$x - 3 = 5$$
, what is $x + 5$?

■ 4. If
$$3(2-x) + 5 = -(4x-2)$$
, what is $(x/2) + 1$?

- 5. What are the two steps of a 2-step problem?
- 6. If 2(x + y) 6 = 3, what is x + y 1?
- 7. What went wrong in solving the following 2-step problem?

If
$$2x + 3 = 7$$
, what is $x/3$?

$$2x + 3 = 7$$

$$2x = 4$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

8. If
$$a + 2b = 6 - a$$
 and $b = 1$, what is $a/2$?



SOLVING WITH SUBSTITUTION

■ 1. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$-x + 2y = 6$$

$$3x = y - 10$$

■ 2. What is the easiest variable to get by itself? Set up but do not solve the substitution.

$$2y - x = 7$$

$$3x = 9 - 18y$$

■ 3. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$-5x + y = 8$$

$$y = 3x - 8$$

4. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$3 - y = 2x$$

$$-4x + 10 = 2y$$

■ 5. Fill in the blanks with the correct variables x and y if the solution to the system of equations is (-1, 3).

$$-2 _ + _ = 5$$

$$2 = 7 - 3$$

■ 6. What went wrong in the following substitution?

$$y = x - 2$$

$$2y - x = 7$$

Substitution:
$$2x - 2 - x = 7$$

■ 7. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$5y = 6 - 2x$$

$$6x + 15y = 18$$

SOLVING WITH ELIMINATION

■ 1. What is the easiest way to set up the elimination method for the system of equations? Set up but do not solve the elimination.

$$6y - 3x = 8$$

$$x - 4y = 5$$

2. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$2x - y = 5$$

$$-3x + y = 7$$

■ 3. Would it be easier to solve the system of equations using the substitution method or the elimination method?

$$7x - 3y = 2$$

$$3y - x = 11$$

4. What went wrong in the following elimination?

$$-4x + 3y = 7$$

$$-4x - y = 4$$

Elimination: 2y = 3

5. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$x = 2y - 5$$

$$-3x + 6y = 15$$

■ 6. Fill in the blanks with the correct variables x and y if the solution to the system of equations is (2/7, -18/7).

$$-$$
___ = 10 + 4___

■ 7. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$4 - 2x = 6y$$

$$7 = x + 3y$$

■ 8. Would it be easier to solve the system of equations using the substitution method or the elimination method?

$$5y - x = 3$$

$$x = 7y - 10$$

■ 9. Find the unique solution to the system of equations.

$$x = 2y - 8$$

$$3y = x + 5$$



SOLVING THREE WAYS

■ 1. Explain why using the graphing method would make the following system of equations easy to solve.

$$y = 3x - 4$$

$$y - 3 = 2(x + 1)$$

■ 2. Find the unique solution to the system of equations using the elimination method.

$$2y = x + 5$$

$$3x - 2y = 11$$

- 3. In words, describe the graphical solution to a system of equations.
- 4. Find the unique solution to the system of equations using the substitution method.

$$5y + x = 4$$

$$3y - 3x = 6$$

■ 5. Explain why using the substitution method would make the system of equations easy to solve.

$$2y = 6 - 4x$$

$$7 - y = 3x$$

- 6. In words, describe the solution to a system of equations.
- 7. Explain why using the elimination method would make the system of equations easy to solve.

$$3y - 2x = 7$$

$$2x = 4 - 6y$$

■ 8. Find the unique solution to the system of equations using the graphing method.

$$y - 2 = -\left(x + 1\right)$$

$$y = x + 1$$

