Equations set two ___(expressions)_____ equal to one another. So to solve an equation, __simplify__each expression_____
by _____distributing and combining like terms_____.

To get your variable on one side, ___subtract_____ or ____add one of the variable terms to zero_____
_____.

From there, ____solve like a 2-step equation_____ by _____isolating the variable_____.

Check your solution by __substituting__ your solution for the variables of the original equation. You should have a ___true statement___, otherwise, you made a mistake.