

Lesson 3.3 Solving 1-Variable Equations

The **Multiplication and Division Properties of Equality** state that when each side of the equation is multiplied by the same number, the two sides remain equal:

$$3 + 4 = 7 \quad (3 + 4) \times 5 = 7 \times 5 \quad (35 = 35)$$

When each side of the equation is divided by the same number, the two sides remain equal:

$$2 \times 6 = 12 \quad \frac{(2 \times 6)}{3} = \frac{12}{3} \quad (4 = 4)$$

Use these properties to determine the value of variables:

$$n \div 5 = 4$$

$$n \div 5 \times 5 = 4 \times 5$$

$$n = 20$$

$$3n = 18$$

$$\frac{3n}{3} = \frac{18}{3}$$

$$n = 6$$

$$\frac{60}{n} = 4$$

$$\frac{60n}{n} = 4n \text{ or } 60 = 4n$$

$$\frac{60}{4} = \frac{4n}{4} \quad 15 = n$$

Find the value of the variable in each equation.

a

1. $5b = 35$ _____

2. $x \div 4 = 7$ _____

3. $9 \times n = 72$ _____

4. $\frac{n}{20} = 4$ _____

5. $x \div 7 = 11$ _____

6. $b \times 16 = 64$ _____

7. $\frac{n}{14} = 3$ _____

8. $e \times 5 = 120$ _____

9. $8t = 104$ _____

10. $\frac{a}{6} = 12$ _____

b

$$\frac{a}{4} = 16$$

$$3k = 33$$

$$44 \div m = 22$$

$$a \times 12 = 60$$

$$t \div 25 = 8$$

$$11d = 132$$

$$f \times 9 = 99$$

$$\frac{120}{m} = 10$$

$$\frac{b}{9} = 6$$

$$7m = 84$$

c

$$f \times 12 = 72$$

$$\frac{42}{b} = 7$$

$$12a = 60$$

$$6p = 90$$

$$\frac{x}{15} = 6$$

$$\frac{65}{m} = 5$$

$$4n = 60$$

$$b \div 9 = 7$$

$$m \times 18 = 54$$

$$a \div 4 = 18$$
