An Introduction to Equations



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Review

1. Circle each pair of opposites.

 $\frac{1}{5}$ and 5

-17 and 17

0 and 1

 $\frac{3}{20}$ and $-\frac{3}{20}$

2. An *equation* is a mathematical sentence that uses an equal sign (=). Circle each equation below.

y - 3 = 12

5x - 7 + 2

43 = 43

Use mental math to solve each equation.

3. 10 + = 13

4. 17 = 8 +

5. 43 +

Vocabulary Builder

solution (noun) suh 100 shun

Related Word: solve (verb)

7 is a solution of x + 2 = 9 because 7 + 2 = 9.

Definition: A **solution** is any value or values that make an equation true.

Example: The **solution** of the equation x + 4 = 12 is 8.

Nonexample: 6 is NOT a **solution** of the equation x - 4 = 10.

Use Your Vocabulary

6. Cross out the equation for which 24 is NOT the *solution*.

$$x+4=28$$

$$y - 2 = 22$$

$$3w = 24$$

$$\frac{48}{2} = z$$

7. Circle the equation for which 20 is the *solution*.

$$10 + m = 20$$

$$25 = n - 5$$

$$5x + 5 = 95$$

$$\frac{y}{5} = 4$$

8. Circle the *solution* of 7 - x = 9.

-16

-2

2

16

An equation is *true* if the expressions on either side of the equal sign are equal. An equation is *false* if the expressions on either side of the equal sign are not equal. An equation that contains one or more variables is called an **open sentence**.



Got lt? Is the equation 3y + 6 = 5y - 8 true, false, or open? Explain.

9. Does the equation contain one or more variables?

Yes / No

10. Is the equation *true*, *false*, or *open*? Explain.

Got lt? Is the equation 16 - 7 = 4 + 5 true, false, or open? Explain.

13. Does
$$16 - 7 = 4 + 5$$
?

14. Is the equation *true*, *false*, or *open*? Explain.

Got lt? Is the equation $32 \div 8 = 2 \cdot 3$ true, false, or open? Explain.

17. Does
$$32 \div 8 = 2 \cdot 3$$
?

18. Is the equation *true*, *false*, or *open*? Explain.



Problem 2 Identifying Solutions of an Equation

Got lt? Is $m = \frac{1}{2}$ a solution of the equation 6m - 8 = -5?

19. Complete the reasoning model below.

Think	Write
I can substitute for <i>m</i> .	6 ⋅
Now I can simplify.	- 8 ² -5 = -5
Finally, I can write a sentence to answer the question.	$\frac{1}{2}$ is / is not a solution of $6m - 8 = -5$.

Got lt? The length of the ball court at La Venta is 14 times the height of its walls. Write an equation that can be used to find the height of a model of the court that has a length of 49 cm.

20. Complete the model below.

Relate the length of the model court is fourteen times the height of its walls

Define Let h = ?. Circle your choice below.

area of wall height of wall width of wall

Write

= 14

21. Now write an equation that you can use to find the height of the model.



Problem 4 Using Mental Math to Find Solutions

Got It? What is the solution of 12 - y = 3? Use mental math.

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- **22.** Think: "What number added to / subtracted from 12 is equal to 3?"
- **23.** Circle the solution.

24. Check your work.

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12

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Problem 5 Using a Table to Find a Solution

Got It? What is the solution of 25 - 3p = 55? Use a table.

25. Complete the table for each value of *p*.

р	25 – 3 <i>p</i>	Value of 25 – 3 <i>p</i>
0	25 - 3 ·	
10	25 – 3 ·	
-5	25 - 3 ·	
-10	25 – 3 ·	

26. Complete each sentence.

When $p = \frac{1}{2}$, the value of 25 - 3p is 55.

So, the solution of 25 - 3p = 55 is

Got lt? What is the solution of 3x + 3 = -22? Use a table.

- **27.** Use the table at the right to help you estimate and find the integer values of *x* between which the solution must lie.
- **28.** The solution lies between and

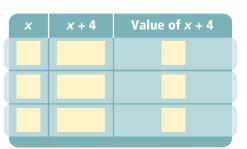
х	3 <i>x</i> + 3	Value of 3 <i>x</i> + 3
-2	3 • + 3	
-7	3 • + 3	
-8	3 • + 3	
-9	3 • + 3	



Lesson Check • Do you UNDERSTAND?

Compare and Contrast Use two different methods to find the solution of the equation x + 4 = 13. Which method do you prefer? Explain.

- **29.** Solve the problem using mental math.
- **30.** Solve the problem using a table.



31. Explain which method you prefer.



Math Success

 $Check\ of f\ the\ vocabulary\ words\ that\ you\ understand.$

- equation
- open sentence
- solution of an equation

Rate how well you can solve an equation.

