

EQUATION:

1. has an equal sign
2. two expressions that equal each other
3. Solve for the variable using
opposite operations

ADD \longleftrightarrow SUBTRACTMULTIPLY \longleftrightarrow DIVIDEEXPONENTS \longleftrightarrow ROOT**Linear Equation:**

involves one variable and real numbers
General or Standard form $AX + B = C$

Steps to Solving Linear Equations:

1. clear fractions - multiply by LCD
2. simplify each side - combine like terms (PEMDAS)
3. isolate variable (letter by itself)
4. check your answer

What are like terms? same variable and same exponent

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Solve the equations

ex. $2x + 6 = 10$
 $\quad \quad \quad -6 \quad -6$

 $\quad \quad \quad 2x \quad = \quad 10$
 $\quad \quad \quad \underline{2} \quad \quad \quad \underline{2}$

$$X = 5$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{ex.} & 4x - 2x - 5 & = 4 + 6x + 3 \\ & 2x - 5 & = 7 + 6x \\ & \underline{-6x} & \quad \underline{-6x} \\ & -4x - 5 & = 7 \\ & \quad \underline{+5} & \quad \underline{+5} \\ & -4x & = 12 \\ & \underline{-4} & \quad \underline{-4} \end{array}$$

$$x = -3$$

ex. $2(x-5) + 3x = x + 6$

$$2x - 10 + 3x = x + 6$$

$$5x - 10 = x + 6$$

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$$4x - 10 = 6$$

~~+10 +10~~

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

$$x = 4$$

multiply parentheses
using distributive property.

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ex. $3(2x+1) - 2(x-2) = 5$

$$6x + 3 - 2x + 4 = 5$$

$$4x + 7 = 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline 4x = -2 \\ \frac{4x}{4} = \frac{-2}{4} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{-2}{4} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

ex. $\frac{3x}{4} + \frac{5x}{2} = 13$

ex. $\frac{8x}{3} - \frac{2x}{4} = -13$

$$\cancel{4} \cdot \frac{3x}{\cancel{4}} + \frac{5x \cdot \cancel{2}}{\cancel{2}} = 13 \cdot 4$$

$$\cancel{12} \cdot \frac{8x}{\cancel{3}} - \frac{2x \cdot \cancel{12}}{\cancel{4}} = -13 \cdot 12$$

$$3x + 10x = 52$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13x = 52 \\ \hline 13 \quad 13 \end{array}$$

$$x = 4$$

$$32x - 6x = -156$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 26x = -156 \\ \hline 26 \quad 26 \end{array}$$

$$x = -6$$

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ex. $-2x + 5x - 9 = 3(x-4) - 5$

$5x + 4x + 12 = 3(3x + 4)$

$$3x - 9 = 3x - 12 - 5$$

$$3x - 9 = 3x - 17$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{3x} - 9 = \cancel{3x} - 17 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-9 = -17$$

false, no solution \emptyset
contradiction

if you get $0=0$

$$-9 = -9$$

then this is true,
infinite number of
solutions, identity

ex. $6x + 2(x-2) = 9x + 4$

$$6x + 2x - 4 = 9x + 4$$

$$8x - 4 = 9x + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x - 4 = 9x + 4 \\ \quad +4 \quad \quad +4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$8x = 9x + 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x = 9x + 8 \\ \quad -9x \quad -9x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-1x = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1x = 8 \\ \quad \quad -1 \quad \quad -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = -8$$

if you get A solution
then it's called conditional