

A **two-step equation** contains ₂ two operations.

- ▶ **Two-step equations** require ₃ two **inverse operations** to solve for the **variable**.
- ▶ To keep an equation **balanced**, **inverse operations** must be done on both sides of the equations.
- ▶ The **solution** is the value of the variable that makes the equation true.

multiplication

$$2x + 3 = 7$$

addition

division

$$\frac{x}{4} - 5 = 1$$

subtraction

Inverse Operation	$2 \bullet m + 2 = 8$ $\underline{-2 \quad -2}$	Balance
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Solution	$2m + 2 = 8$ $2(3) + 2 = 8$ $6 + 2 = 8$ $8 = 8 \quad \checkmark$
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NOT a Solution	$2m + 2 = 8$ $2(2) + 2 = 8$ $4 + 2 = 8$ $6 \neq 8 \quad \times$
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1. Isolate the variable.
2. Solve for the variable. (inverse operation)
3. Check and interpret the solution.

1. $5m + 15 = 25$

Check:

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

2. $3b + 6 = -18$

Check:

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

3. $2k - 9 = -21$

Check:

Interpret:

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4. $4d - 7 = 5$

Check:

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5. $\frac{c}{6} + 1 = -1$

Check:

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

6. $\frac{v}{4} + 8 = 9$

Check:

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

7. $\frac{x}{2} - 3 = -2$

Check:

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

8. $\frac{t}{5} - 6 = -3$

Check:

Interpret:

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Skill Closure

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1. $9w + 11 = 56$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

2. $7g - 6 = 50$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

Concept Closure

Writing



Which two inverse operations would be used to solve the equation? Explain your answer.

$$\frac{x}{10} - 7 = 5$$

Solve for the variable. Check and interpret the solution.

1. $-5x + 9 = 44$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

2. $3x - 12 = -3$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

3. $\frac{z}{3} + 2 = -5$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

4. $\frac{d}{12} - 9 = -11$

Check:**Interpret:**

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

Listening



Listen to the problem. Solve, check and interpret the solution.

1. $2b + 2 = 6$

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

2. $\frac{a}{2} + 4 = 12$

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is

The value of the variable is _____

Reading



Read the problem. Solve, check and interpret the solution.

On Saturday, Janice bought five new books. On Monday, half of all her books were lost in a fire. On Tuesday, there were only 17 left. How many did she have to start with?

1. $\frac{b}{2} + 5 = 17$

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is _____

The value of the variable is _____

For a field trip, 4 students rode in cars and the rest fit into nine buses. How many students were in each bus if 382 students were on the trip?

2. $9s + 4 = 382$

Interpret:

The inverse operations used to solve this problem is _____

The value of the variable is _____

Writing



Describe and correct the error each problem has.

1.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 6b + 7 = 331 \\
 +7 \quad +7 \\
 \hline
 \frac{6b}{6} + 0 = \frac{338}{6} \\
 b = \frac{169}{3}
 \end{array}$$

2.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4e + 5 = 25 \\
 -5 \quad -5 \\
 \hline
 4 \cdot 4e \quad 0 = 20 \cdot 4 \\
 e = \mathbf{80}
 \end{array}$$
