

7. 2 Solving Equations Using Addition or Subtraction

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

EXPRESSIONS

$$4 + 8$$

$$x + 8.$$

EQUATIONS

$$4 + 8 = 12$$

$$x + 8 = 12$$

EQUATION → a mathematical sentence that uses an equal sign to show that two expressions are equal.

A solution of an equation is a value that makes the equation true.

Value of x	$x + 3 = 7$	Are both sides equal?
3	$3 + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 7$ $6 \neq 7$ ✗	no
4	$4 + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 7$ $7 = 7$ ✓	yes
5	$5 + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 7$ $8 \neq 7$ ✗	no

EXAMPLE 1 → Checking Solutions

Is the value a solution of the equation?

1. $p + 10 = 30$; $p = 10$

$$10 + 10 = 30$$

$$20 = 30$$

not a solution

On Your Own

Is the value a solution of the equation?

1. $9 - g = 5$; $g = 3$

$$9 - 3 = 5$$

$$6 = 5$$

not a solution

You can use inverse operations to solve equations.

2. $4y = 56$; $y = 14$

$$4(14) = 56$$

$$56 = 56$$

solution

2. $35 = 7n$; $n = 5$

$$35 = 7(5)$$

$$35 = 35$$

solution

3. $a + 6 = 17$; $a = 9$

$$9 + 6 = 17$$

$$15 = 17$$

not a solution

3. $\frac{q}{2} = 28$; $q = 14$

$$\frac{14}{2} = 28$$

$$7 = 28$$

not a solution

Inverse operations "undo" each other. Addition and Subtraction are inverse operations.

EXAMPLE 2 → Solving Equations Using Addition

Solve the equation.

1. $x - 2 = 6$

$$+2 +2$$

$$x = 8$$

2. $18 = x - 7$

$$+7 +7$$

$$25 = x$$

EXAMPLE 3->Solving Equations Using Subtraction

Solve the equation.

1. $x + 2 = 9$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2 = 9 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 7$$

2. $26 = 11 + x$

$$\begin{array}{r} 26 = 11 + x \\ -11 \quad -11 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$15 = x$$

ON YOUR OWN

Solve the equation.

1. $k - 3 = 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} k - 3 = 1 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$k = 4$$

2. $n - 10 = 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} n - 10 = 4 \\ +10 \quad +10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$n = 14$$

3. $15 = r - 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 = r - 6 \\ +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$21 = r$$

4. $s + 8 = 17$

$$\begin{array}{r} s + 8 = 17 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$s = 9$$

5. $9 = y + 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 = y + 6 \\ -6 \quad -6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$3 = y$$

6. $13 + m = 20$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 + m = 20 \\ -13 \quad -13 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$m = 7$$

Solve the equation.

1. $34 + 16 = w - 14$

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 + 16 = w - 14 \\ +14 \quad +14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$64 = w$$

3. $7 + 84 = 3 + d$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 + 84 = 3 + d \\ -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$88 = d$$

2. $m + 10 - 3 = 25$

$$\begin{array}{r} m + 10 - 3 = 25 \\ -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$m = 18$$

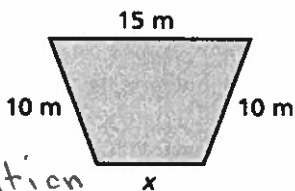
4. $f - 12 = 24 + 15$

$$\begin{array}{r} f - 12 = 24 + 15 \\ +12 \quad +12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$f = 51$$

Write and solve an equation to find x.

1. Perimeter = 43 m



Equation

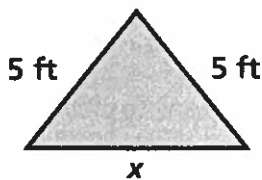
$$10 + 15 + 10 + x = 43$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 35 + x = 43 \\ -35 \quad -35 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 8$$

2. Perimeter = 18 ft



Equation

$$5 + 5 + x = 18$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 + x = 18 \\ -10 \quad -10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 8$$

EXAMPLE 4->Real Life Application

Your parents give you \$20 to help buy the new pair of shoes shown. After you buy the shoes, you have \$5.50 left. Write and solve an equation to find how much money you had before your parents gave you \$20



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$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \text{starting} & + & \text{amount} & - & \text{cost} & = & \text{amount} \\ \text{amount} & & \text{parents} & & \text{of shoes} & & \text{left} \\ & & \text{gave you} & & & & \end{array}$$

$$S + 20 - 59.95 = 5.50$$

$$S + 20 = 65.45$$

$$S = 45.45$$

You had \$45.45 before your parents gave you money

You eat 8 blueberries and your friend eats 11 blueberries from a package. There are 23 blueberries left. Write and solve an equation to find the number of blueberries in a full package.

$$x - 8 - 11 = 23$$

$$x - 8 = 34$$

$$x = 42$$

There are 42 blueberries in a full package.

Solving Equations Using Addition or Subtraction

- Goal is to isolate or get the variable by itself.
- Need to keep the equation balanced.
- What you do to one side of the equation, need to do to the other side.
- To solve an addition equation, you need to do the inverse of addition (subtract on both sides)

$$x + 5 = 13$$

$$-5 \quad -5$$

$$x = 8$$

- To solve a subtraction equation, you need to do the inverse of subtraction (add on both sides)

$$r - 4 = 19$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$r = 23$$