

Solving Multi-Step Equations (Variable on One Side)

(Math 7+)

The Steps

- 1) Distribute anything that can be distributed.
- 2) Combin**ALL** like terms. Do not combine like terms on different sides of the equal sign!
- 3) "Eliminate" the Constant (the number alone) by Addition or Subtraction
- 4) "Eliminate" the Coefficient (number with the variable) by Multiplication or Division

Combining Like Terms

Example 1: $8d - 3 - 5d = 9$

Combining Like Terms

$$11x + 4 - 6x = 9 \quad | \quad -15r + 2 + 4r - 8 = 16$$

You Try!!!

$$9c + (-2) - 6c = 4$$

$$4b - 16 + 3b = 47$$

You Try!!!

$$2.5t + (-3.5t) - 4 = 56$$

$$0.85k + 0.3 - 0.25k = 0.9$$

You Try!!!

$$2s + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = 1\frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}d - \frac{3}{4}d + 2 = 6$$

Distribute and Solve

Example 1: $5(x - 7) = 90$

Distribute and Solve

Example 2: $8e + 3(5 - e) = 10$

You Try!!!

$$4 + \frac{1}{4}(x - 8) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$-2\left(1 - \frac{a}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{8}$$

Challenge You Try!!!

$$4x^2 - 2 = 62$$

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$$2(x^2 - 8) = 184$$