



# Solve Multi-Step Equations

Use the Distributive Property to solve the equation  $3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$  for  $x$ .

1.  $3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$

Multiply both terms inside the parentheses by 3.

$$(\text{_____})(x) + (\text{_____})(-7) = 2x + 4$$

$$\text{_____}x - \text{_____} = 2x + 4$$

Combine like terms.

$$\text{_____}x - \text{_____} - \text{_____} = 2x + 4 - \text{_____}$$

Subtract  $2x$  from both sides.

$$\text{_____} - \text{_____} = 4$$

$$\text{_____} - \text{_____} + \text{_____} = 4 + \text{_____}$$

Add 21 to both sides.

$$x = \text{_____}$$

2. The solution is  $x = \text{_____}$ .

3. Check. Substitute the solution into the equation for  $x$ .

$$3(x - 7) = 2x + 4$$

$$3(\text{_____} - 7) = 2(\text{_____}) + 4$$

$$3(\text{_____}) = \text{_____} + 4$$

$$\text{_____} = \text{_____}$$

Solve  $2(x + 40 + 7x) = 4x + 20$  for  $x$ .

4.  $2(x + 40 + 7x) = 4x + 20$

Combine like terms inside the parentheses.

$$2(\text{_____}x + 40) = 4x + 20$$

$$2(\text{_____}x) + 2(\text{_____}) = 4x + 20$$

Use the Distributive Property.

$$\text{_____}x + \text{_____} = 4x + 20$$

$$16x + 80 - \text{_____}x = 4x + 20 - \text{_____}x$$

Subtract  $4x$  from both sides.

$$\text{_____}x + 80 - \text{_____} = 20 - \text{_____}$$

Subtract 80 from both sides.

$$\text{_____}x = \text{_____}$$

Divide both sides by 12.

$$x = \text{_____}$$

5. The solution is  $x = \text{_____}$ .

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## Solve Multi-Step Equations (continued)

Solve each equation for  $x$ .

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

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7.  $6 - x - 3x = -10$

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8.  $3 + 3x + 5 + 4x = 29$

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9.  $4x + 6 = x + 12$

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10.  $6x - 6 = 3(x + 2)$

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11.  $5x + 8 = x + 2x - 2$

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12.  $3(x - 6) + 9x = 30$

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13.  $4(2x + 3x + 8) = 72$

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14.  $-3(3x - 5) + 4x = 30$

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15.  $7x - 18 = 3x + 6$

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16.  $2x + 4 = x + 3(x + 2)$

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17.  $5x - 8 = x + 2(x - 2)$

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18.  $2(6x - 4) + 8 = 36$

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19.  $\frac{1}{2}(x - 8) = 14$

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20.  $3(1.5x - 4) = 6$

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21.  $\frac{1}{4}(x + 8) = x + 2$

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22.  $4.2(x - 2) = x + 2$

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23.  $2.3(2x + 4) = 0.6x + 10$

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24.  $5(3x + 2x + 10)$   
 $= 150$

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25.  $12 + 4x - 2$   
 $= 3(x + 6) - x$

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26.  $16 + 8(x + 3) - 2x$   
 $= 82$

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27.  $3(5x + 6x - 10)$   
 $= 5(2x + 40)$

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28.  $4 + 7(x + 4)$   
 $= 2(x + 4) + x$

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29.  $\frac{1}{2}(4x + 16 + 6x)$   
 $= 17x + 2$

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30. **Reasoning** What is the first step when solving the equation  $8(6x - 4) + 10 = 74$ ?