

Chapter 3 - Navigating Linear Equations

A. One-Step Equations

Objective: Use inverse operations and check solutions.

Directions: Show substitutions and simplification steps. Follow the order of operations, preserve units in applications, and explain all error-analysis, proof, and challenge responses.

Equality principle Perform the same operation on both sides. Check by substitution in the original equation.	Solution types true statement → infinitely many false statement → no solution $x = \text{value}$ → one solution
1. Solve $x+9=23$ and check the solution.	2. Solve $y-14=-6$.
3. Solve $-7m=42$.	4. Solve $n/8=-5$.
5. Solve $-2.5+p=7.3$.	6. Write and solve an equation: five more than a number is 19.

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B. Two-Step Equations

Objective: Solve equations with signed, fractional, and decimal coefficients.

7. Solve $4x - 7 = 21$.

8. Solve $9 - 3y = 30$.

9. Solve $z/5 + 6 = 2$.

10. Solve $-2.4a + 1.8 = 9$.

11. Solve $(3/4)x - 5 = 7$.

12. A student solves $6x + 4 = 28$ by dividing both sides by 6 first. Explain a correct path and solve.

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C. Distribution and Grouping

Objective: Solve equations requiring distribution, grouping, and denominator clearing.

13. Solve $3(x+5)=27$.

14. Solve $-4(2y-3)=28$.

15. Solve $5(2m+1)-3=42$.

16. Solve $2[3x-(x-4)]=24$.

17. Solve $7-2(3p+5)=-21$.

18. Solve $(x-2)/3+(x+1)/2=7$.

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D. Variables on Both Sides

Objective: Collect variable terms strategically and solve accurately.

19. Solve $5x+8=2x+29$.

20. Solve $7-4y=3y+28$.

21. Solve $6(2x-1)=4x+18$.

22. Solve $3(2a+5)-4=5(a-2)+18$.

23. Solve $0.4x+6=0.7x-3$.

24. Solve $(\frac{2}{3})x+5=(\frac{1}{6})x-1$.

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E. Identities and Contradictions

Objective: Distinguish one solution, no solution, and infinitely many solutions.

25. Classify the equation as one solution, no solution, or infinitely many solutions: $4(x+2)=4x+8$.

26. Classify and justify: $3(2x-5)=6x+1$.

27. Classify and justify: $5x-7=5(x-2)+3$.

28. Find k so that $k(x-4)=3x-12$ has infinitely many solutions.

29. Find c so that $2(x+3)=2x+c$ has no solution.

30. A student concludes $x=0$ from $7x+5=7x+5$. Explain the error and give the correct solution set.

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F. Proportions and Scale Models

Objective: Solve proportions and use constant ratios in applications.

31. Solve the proportion $x/12 = 7/18$.

32. Solve $5/(y-1) = 2/3$ and state the restriction.

33. Solve $(x+4)/6 = (2x-1)/9$.

34. A map scale is 1 inch to 24 miles. Write and solve a proportion for the actual distance represented by 3.75 inches.

35. A 6-foot person casts an 8-foot shadow. A tree casts a 30-foot shadow. Use similar triangles to find the tree's height.

36. A recipe uses 3.5 cups of rice for 14 servings. How much rice is needed for 22 servings?

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G. Literal Equations

Objective: Rearrange formulas while tracking restrictions.

37. Solve $P=2l+2w$ for l .

38. Solve $A=(1/2)bh$ for h .

39. Solve $d=rt$ for t , then find t when $d=315$ miles and $r=70$ mph.

40. Solve $F=(9/5)C+32$ for C .

41. Solve $V=\pi r^2h$ for h .

42. Solve $ax+b=cx+d$ for x , assuming a is not equal to c .

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H. Linear Equation Modeling

Objective: Define a variable, build an equation, and interpret the solution.

43. The sum of three consecutive integers is 72. Find the integers.

44. A gym charges a \$35 registration fee plus \$18 per month. The total is \$197. How many months were purchased?

45. The length of a rectangle is 5 more than twice its width. Its perimeter is 58. Find both dimensions.

46. A phone plan costs \$42 plus \$0.08 per text over the limit. A bill is \$49.20. How many extra texts were sent?

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I. Reasoning, Proof, and Challenge

Objective: Analyze errors, justify equality steps, determine parameters, and compare linear models.

47. Error analysis: Solve $4-3(2x-5)=31$, then identify the sign error a student might make when distributing -3 .

48. Prove that if $5x-2=5y-2$, then $x=y$. Name the equality properties used.

49. For what value of k does $2(kx+3)-4x=10x+6$ have infinitely many solutions? What occurs for every other k ?

50. A tank initially contains 420 liters and drains at a constant rate of 18 liters per minute. A second tank contains 150 liters and fills at 9 liters per minute. Write and solve an equation for when the tanks contain the same amount, then verify the common amount.