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SOLVING EQUATIONS

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solving equations vocabulary terms

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$$5x + 4 = 24$$

Coefficient Constant

Variable Answer

variable: letters that represent
a # (unknown #)

coefficient: # in front of
variable

constant: # w/o variable
plain naked #

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ONE STEP EQUATIONS

TO UNDO ADDITION → Subtraction

TO UNDO SUBTRACTION → ADDITION

TO UNDO MULTIPLICATION → Division

TO UNDO DIVISION → Multiplication

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Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

$$x + \cancel{5} = 30$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \cancel{-5} \quad \quad \quad$$
$$\boxed{x = 25}$$

ex 2

$$a - \cancel{10} = 12$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \cancel{+10} \quad \quad \quad$$
$$\boxed{a = 22}$$

ex 3

$$\cancel{5}k = 35$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \cancel{5} \quad \quad \quad$$
$$\boxed{k = 7}$$

ex 4

$$3 \cdot \cancel{B} = 10 \cdot 3$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \cancel{3} \quad \quad \quad$$
$$\boxed{B = 30}$$

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MULTI STEP EQUATIONS

STEP 1:	DISTRIBUTE
STEP 2:	COMBINE LIKE TERMS ON EACH SIDE.
STEP 3:	MOVE VARIABLES TO ONE SIDE.
STEP 4:	MOVE CONSTANTS TO THE OTHER SIDE.
STEP 5:	MULTIPLY BY DENOMINATOR OR DIVIDE BY THE COEFFICIENT.

Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

$$\frac{3x}{4} + 4 = 10$$

ex 2

$$-2(-w + 2w - 3) = 30$$



EQUATIONS W/ VARIABLES ON BOTH SIDES

STEP 1:	MOVE THE SMALLER VARIABLE TO ONE SIDE.
STEP 2:	MOVE CONSTANTS TO THE OTHER SIDE.
STEP 3:	MULTIPLY BY DENOMINATOR OR DIVIDE BY THE COEFFICIENT.

Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cancel{5k} - 2 = 8k + 4 \\
 &\cancel{-5k} \quad \cancel{-5k} \\
 &\quad -2 = 3k + 4 \\
 &\quad \quad -4 \quad \quad \quad -4 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad -6 = 3k \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \frac{-6}{3} = \frac{3k}{3} \quad \boxed{k = -2}
 \end{aligned}$$

ex 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cancel{2w} - 10 = \cancel{2w} - 9 \\
 &\cancel{-2w} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{-2w} \\
 &\quad -10 = -9 \quad \text{No Solution} \\
 &-5 = 7
 \end{aligned}$$

ex 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cancel{4z} + 2 = 2 + \cancel{4z} \\
 &\cancel{-4z} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{-4z} \\
 &3 = 3 \\
 &1000 = 1000 \\
 &2 = 2 \\
 &\text{same = same} \quad \text{Infinite Solutions}
 \end{aligned}$$

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MULTI-STEP EQUATIONS WITH VARIABLES ON BOTH SIDES

Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

* need parentheses around more than 1 term

* Cross multiply

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{(x+3)}{(x-3)} = \frac{2}{1} \\
 &(x+3) \cdot 1 = 2(x-3) \\
 &x+3 = 2x-6 \\
 &\quad -x \quad \quad \quad -3 \\
 &\quad \quad -x = -9 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \frac{-x}{-1} = \frac{-9}{-1} \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \boxed{x = 9}
 \end{aligned}$$

ex 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{3}(3x-12) + 5 = 2(x-8) - x + 17 \\
 &x-4+5 = 2x-16-x+17 \\
 &x+1 = x+1 \\
 &\text{Same = Same} \quad \text{Infinite Solutions}
 \end{aligned}$$

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TWO STEP EQUATIONS

STEP 1: ADD OR SUBTRACT CONSTANT

STEP 2: MULTIPLY OR DIVIDE BY COEFFICIENT

Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

$$3x - 8 = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +8 \\ +8 \\ \hline 3x = 18 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

$$x = 6$$

ex 2

$$\frac{a}{4} - 10 = -12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +10 \\ +10 \\ \hline \frac{a}{4} = -2 \end{array}$$

$$a = -8$$

ex 3

$$3 \cdot \frac{-4z}{3} = 10 \cdot 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4z \\ -4 \\ \hline -z = 30 \\ \hline -4 \end{array}$$

$$z = -7.5$$

OR

$$-\frac{15}{2}$$

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Solve for the MISSING VARIABLES

ex 1

$$\frac{3x}{4} + 4 = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \hline 3x = 6 \end{array}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x = 24 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

ex 2

$$-2(-w + 2w - 3) = 36$$

$$2w - 4w + 6 = 36$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2w + 6 = 36 \\ -6 \\ \hline -2w = 30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2w = 24 \\ \hline -2 \end{array}$$

$$w = -12$$

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ex 4

$$\frac{b}{3} = 10$$

