

Multi Step (with Fractions) Equations

Big Idea:

- Goal: Find the value of the variable
- Things to remember:
 - > Equations have equals signs so we have to maintain equality – if we change one side, we must make the same change to the other side
 - > We solve equations in reverse order of operations – by “undoing” the operations that were used to create the equations

Steps:

1. Analyze the problem.
2. Use additive inverse (adding the opposite)
3. Do the inverse in reverse order of operations. (Undo the equation.)
4. Check your answer.

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{x}{8} - 5 = 6 \\ +5 \quad +5 \\ \hline \frac{x}{8} = 11 \\ \cdot 8 \quad \cdot 8 \\ \hline x = 88 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{10k - 7}{4} + 6 = 19 \\ -6 \quad -6 \\ \hline \frac{10k - 7}{4} = 13 \\ \cdot 4 \quad \cdot 4 \\ \hline 10k - 7 = 52 \\ +7 \quad +7 \\ \hline 10k = 59 \\ \frac{10k}{10} = \frac{59}{10} \\ k = \frac{59}{10} = 5 \frac{9}{10} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{8}(x - 3) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \cdot 8 \quad \cdot 8 \\ \hline x - 3 = 4 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline x = 7 \end{array}$$