

Solve It Cleanly

Use inverse operations to isolate one variable.

HIGH SCHOOL • HSA-REI.B.3

CCSS.Math.Content.HSA-REI.B.3 "Solve linear equations and inequalities in one variable, including equations with coefficients represented by letters."

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KEEP BOTH SIDES BALANCED

Undo operations in reverse order, and do the same operation to both sides of an equation or inequality. When you multiply or divide an inequality by a negative number, reverse the inequality sign. If a letter is a coefficient, divide by that letter only when it is not zero.

WORKED EXAMPLE

$$14x + 9 = 51$$

1. Subtract 9 from both sides: $14x = 42$.

2. Divide both sides by 14: $x = 3$.

Answer: $x = 3$

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 $7x - 4 = 24$

ANSWER _____

2 $-6x + 8 = -28$

ANSWER _____

3 $5(x - 2) > 30$

ANSWER _____

4 $(4/5)x + 1 = 13$

ANSWER _____

5 $11 - 2x \leq -1$

ANSWER _____

6 $px - 12 = 20$

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** The esports club charges a \$16 entry fee plus \$5 for each tournament. Your total is \$41. How many tournaments did you enter?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** You have \$16 saved toward headphones that cost \$64. You earn \$8 for each dog walk. How many dog walks do you need to earn enough?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Solve $(\frac{4}{7})(x - 8) + 2 = (\frac{1}{5})x + 16$.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	$7x - 4 = 24$	$x = 4$
2	$-6x + 8 = -28$	$x = 6$
3	$5(x - 2) > 30$	$x > 8$
4	$(4/5)x + 1 = 13$	$x = 15$
5	$11 - 2x \leq -1$	$x \geq 6$
6	$px - 12 = 20$	$x = 32/p, p \neq 0$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 5 tournaments** Write $16 + 5t = 41$. Subtract 16 and divide by 5, so $t = 5$.
- at least 6 dog walks** Write $16 + 8w \geq 64$. Subtract 16 and divide by 8, so $w \geq 6$.

CHALLENGE

$$x = 50$$

For inequalities, accept equivalent interval notation. For $px - 12 = 20$, accept $x = 32/p$ only with $p \neq 0$; if $p = 0$, the equation has no solution.