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**Learning Goal 6.1** 

I can solve linear equations.

Expression

versus

Equation

A linear equation is

To solve means

**Example** Solve the following equations by inspection.

a. 
$$x + 4 = 8$$

b. 
$$x - 2 = -12$$

c. 
$$-4x = 12$$

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$$x + 4 = 8$$
 b.  $x - 2 = -12$  c.  $-4x = 12$  d.  $\frac{x}{-5} = 4$ 

**Example** Solve the following equations using models or diagrams.

a. 
$$3c = -9$$

b. 
$$\frac{w}{4} = 3$$

**Inspecting** is

## Modelling is

True mathletes

Operation	Inverse Operation
Addition	
Subtraction	
Multiplication	
Division	

**Example** Solve using the inverse operation.

a. 
$$x + 3 = -11$$

b. 
$$x - 7 = 15$$

c. 
$$17x = -51$$

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$$x + 3 = -11$$
 b.  $x - 7 = 15$  c.  $17x = -51$  d.  $\frac{x}{-4} = 7$ 

**Example** Show whether x = -3 is a solution to each equation.

a. 
$$x - 4 = -7$$

b. 
$$4x = 12$$

c. 
$$\frac{-x}{3} = 1$$

**Example** Oscar can bake 23 cookies in an hour. He wants to bake 276 cookies for his party.

- a. Write an equation in the form ax = b to represent this problem. What does your variable represent?
- b. How many hours will it take Oscar to bake 276 cookies?