

Two – Step Equations

$$\frac{x}{a} + b = c$$

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<b>Learning Goal 6.1</b>	I can solve linear equations.
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**Recall** Solve using the inverse operations. Show all work for full credit.

a.  $2 \times \frac{x}{2} = -3 \times 2$

$x = -6$

b.  $3 \times 1 = \frac{-c}{3} \times 3$

$-1 \times 3 = -c \times -1$

$-3 = c$

$c = -3$

To solve a **two – step equation**

1. Add or subtract away the constants

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2. Multiply or divide away the coefficient

↳ the # mult. or dividing a variable.

**Example** Model each of the following equations, then solve.

a.  $\frac{x}{2} + 3 = 5$   
 $-3 \quad -3$

$2 \times \frac{x}{2} = 2 \times 2$

$x = 4$

b.  $1 = \frac{-c}{3} - 2$   
 $+2 \quad +2$

$-3 \times 3 = \frac{-c}{3} \times -3 \quad 3 \times 3 = \frac{-c}{3} \times 3$

$-9 = c$

$-1 \times 9 = -c \times -1$

$-9 = c$

$c = -9$

$2 \times 2x = 8 \times 2$

$\frac{4x}{-1} = \frac{16}{-1}$

$\frac{-4x}{2} = \frac{-16}{2}$

$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{-8}{-2}$

$x = 4$

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**Example** Solve the following by applying the opposite operation. Check your answer.

a.  $\frac{x}{4} + 12 = -8$   
 $-12 \quad -12$

$$4 \times \frac{x}{4} = -20 \times 4$$

$$x = -80$$

CHECK

LS	RS
$\frac{-80}{4} + 12$	$-8$
$= -20 + 12$	
$= -8$	

b.  $\frac{y}{-3} + 4 = 10$   
 $-4 \quad -4$

$$-3 \times \frac{y}{-3} = 6 \times -3$$

$$y = -18$$

CHECK

LS	RS
$\frac{-18}{-3} + 4$	$10$
$= 6 + 4$	
$= 10$	

c.  $2 = \frac{-p}{4} - 3$   
 $+3 \quad +3$

$$4 \times 5 = \frac{-p}{4} \times 4$$

$$-1 \times 20 = -p \times -1$$

$$p = -20$$

CHECK

LS	RS
$2$	$\frac{+(-20)}{4} - 3$
	$= 5 - 3$
	$= 2$

d.  $-3 = 4 - \frac{k}{6}$   
 $-4 \quad -4$

$$6 \times -7 = -\frac{k}{6} \times 6$$

$$-1 \times -42 = -k \times -1$$

$$42 = k$$

$$k = +42$$

CHECK

LS	RS
$-3$	$4 - \frac{42}{6}$
	$= 4 - 7$
	$= -3$

**Example** Ellie is 30 years old. She is six years older than half of Dwight's age. How old is Dwight? Define your variable, set up an algebraic equation and solve.

$d =$  Dwight's age

$$30 = 6 + \frac{d}{2}$$

$$-6 \quad -6$$

$$2 \times 24 = \frac{d}{2} \times 2$$

$$48 = d$$

Dwight is 48 years old.