

Solving 2-Step Equations - Set 1

AB-TSE 1

Instructions: Solve each equation.

1 $4x + 7 = 15$
 $\quad -7 \quad -7$
 $\quad \frac{4x}{4} = \frac{8}{4}$
 $\quad x = 2$

2 $2x - 4 = 10$

3 $6 + 3x = 15$

4 $25 = 4 + 7x$

5 $41 = 8x - 23$

6 $5x - 12 = 18$

7 $9x + 7 = 88$

8 $25 = 3x - 8$

9 $1 + 10x = 91$

10 $16 = 12 + 4x$

Solving 2-Step Equations - Set 2

AB-TSE 2

Instructions: Solve each equation.

1 $\frac{x}{4} + 5 = 12$
 $\quad \quad \quad -5 \quad -5$
 $(\cancel{4})\frac{x}{\cancel{4}} = 7(\cancel{4})$
 $x = 28$

2 $\frac{x}{2} - 3 = 9$

3 $\frac{x}{6} + 15 = 20$

4 $35 = 11 + 6x$

5 $5x + 20 = 75$

6 $8 + \frac{x}{9} = 14$

7 $11 = \frac{x}{2} - 7$

8 $4x - 11 = 5$

9 $21 = 21 + 7x$

10 $\frac{x}{12} - 9 = 1$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with Groups)

AB-TSE 3

Instructions: Solve each equation.

1 $\frac{3(x - 5)}{3} = \frac{18}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 5 = 6 \\ +5 \quad +5 \end{array}$$

$x = 11$

2 $5(x + 6) = 40$

3 $\frac{x + 9}{2} = 5$

4 $\frac{x - 15}{4} = 3$

5 $32 = 8(x + 1)$

6 $\frac{3 + x}{7} = 4$

7 $\frac{x - 10}{9} = 7$

8 $6(x - 11) = 42$

9 $10(x + 2) = 70$

10 $\frac{x + 5}{4} = 14$

Solving “Tricky” 2-Step Equations

AB-TSE 4

Instructions: Some 2-Step Equations are tricky because of the location of the unknown in operations that don't commute (subtraction and division). One way to solve these equations is to do an extra initial step to re-arrange the equation so that it looks like one you already know how to solve.

1 $(x+5) \frac{12}{x+5} = 2(x+5)$

$$\frac{12}{2} = \frac{2(x+5)}{2}$$

$$\frac{6}{-5} = \frac{x+5}{-5}$$

$$1 = x \text{ or } x = 1$$

2 $\frac{21}{x-4} = 7$

3 $11 = 23 - 4x$

4 $27 - 3x = 15$

5 $8 = \frac{24}{x-3}$

6 $7 = \frac{77}{x+6}$

7 $41 - 2x = 9$

8 $25 = 80 - 11x$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with decimals)

AB-TSE 5

Instructions: Solve each equation. You can use a calculator to do the decimal arithmetic if you'd like to.

1 $1.5 + 2x = 12.5$

2 $3.5(x + 0.2) = 7$

3 $\frac{x + 6.1}{2} = 3.4$

4 $\frac{x - 3}{2.8} = 1.2$

5 $4(x - 1.9) = 5.2$

6 $\frac{x}{1.1} + 3.6 = 4.3$

7 $\frac{x - 2.5}{9} = 4.5$

8 $3x + 1.8 = 7.2$

9 $\frac{x}{0.4} - 2.3 = 7.2$

10 $\frac{x + 1.7}{3.1} = 6$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with negative numbers)

AB-TSE 6

Instructions: Solve each equation.

1 $-5 + 2x = -17$

2 $-9(x - 9) = 27$

3 $\frac{x + (-3)}{-5} = -6$

4 $\frac{x + 15}{-3} = -2$

5 $3(x - 8) = -60$

6 $\frac{x}{-2} + 10 = -3$

7 $\frac{x + 8}{-6} = 2$

8 $-3x - 3 = -15$

9 $\frac{x}{-9} - 1 = 9$

10 $\frac{x - 12}{-7} = 4$

Solving 2-Step Equations

1 Solve for x
 $2x + 5 = 17$

2 Solve for x
 $\frac{x}{3} - 6 = 4$

3 Solve for x
 $20 = 8 + 4x$

4 Solve for x
 $2(x + 9) = 24$

5 Solve for x
 $15 = 3(x - 6)$

6 Solve for x
 $\frac{x + 3}{5} = 4$

7 Solve for x
 $5 = 9 - 2x$

8 Solve for x
 $\frac{28}{x - 2} = 4$

Solving 2-Step Equations - Set 1

AB-TSE 1

Instructions: Solve each equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \quad 4x + 7 &= 15 \\ -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline 4x &= 8 \\ \frac{4x}{4} &= \frac{8}{4} \\ x &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \quad 2x - 4 &= 10 \\ +4 \quad +4 \\ \hline 2x &= 14 \\ \frac{2x}{2} &= \frac{14}{2} \\ x &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \quad 6 + 3x &= 15 \\ -6 \quad -6 \\ \hline 3x &= 9 \\ \frac{3x}{3} &= \frac{9}{3} \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \quad 25 &= 4 + 7x \\ -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline 21 &= 7x \\ \frac{21}{7} &= \frac{7x}{7} \\ 3 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \quad 41 &= 8x - 23 \\ +23 \quad +23 \\ \hline 64 &= 8x \\ \frac{64}{8} &= \frac{8x}{8} \\ 8 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \quad 5x - 12 &= 18 \\ +12 \quad +12 \\ \hline 5x &= 30 \\ \frac{5x}{5} &= \frac{30}{5} \\ x &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \quad 9x + 7 &= 88 \\ -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline 9x &= 81 \\ \frac{9x}{9} &= \frac{81}{9} \\ x &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \quad 25 &= 3x - 8 \\ +8 \quad +8 \\ \hline 33 &= 3x \\ \frac{33}{3} &= \frac{3x}{3} \\ 11 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \quad 1 + 10x &= 91 \\ -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline 10x &= 90 \\ \frac{10x}{10} &= \frac{90}{10} \\ x &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \quad 16 &= 12 + 4x \\ -12 \quad -12 \\ \hline 4 &= 4x \\ \frac{4}{4} &= \frac{4x}{4} \\ 1 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving 2-Step Equations - Set 2

AB-TSE 2

Instructions: Solve each equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \quad \frac{x}{4} + 5 &= 12 \\ &\quad -5 \quad -5 \\ (\times) \frac{x}{4} &= 7(4) \\ x &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \quad \frac{x}{2} - 3 &= 9 \\ &\quad +3 \quad +3 \\ (\times) \frac{x}{2} &= 12(2) \\ x &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \quad \frac{x}{6} + 15 &= 20 \\ &\quad -15 \quad -15 \\ (\times) \frac{x}{6} &= 5(6) \\ x &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \quad 35 &= 11 + 6x \\ -11 \quad -11 \\ 24 &= \cancel{6}x \\ 6 &\quad \cancel{6} \\ 4 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \quad 5x + 20 &= 75 \\ -20 \quad -20 \\ 5x &= 55 \\ \frac{5x}{5} &= \frac{55}{5} \\ x &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \quad 8 + \frac{x}{9} &= 14 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ (\times) \frac{x}{9} &= 6(9) \\ x &= 54 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \quad 11 &= \frac{x}{2} - 7 \\ +7 \quad +7 \\ (2)18 &= \frac{x}{2}(\times) \\ 36 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \quad 4x - 11 &= 5 \\ +11 \quad +11 \\ 4x &= 16 \\ \frac{4x}{4} &= \frac{16}{4} \\ x &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \quad 21 &= 21 + 7x \\ -21 \quad -21 \\ 0 &= \cancel{7}x \\ \frac{0}{7} &= \frac{\cancel{7}x}{\cancel{7}} \\ 0 &= x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \quad \frac{x}{12} - 9 &= 1 \\ +9 \quad +9 \\ (\times) \frac{x}{12} &= 10(12) \\ x &= 120 \end{aligned}$$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with Groups)

AB-TSE 3

Instructions: Solve each equation.

$$1 \quad \frac{3(x-5)}{3} = \frac{18}{3}$$

$$x - 5 = 6$$

$$+5 \quad +5$$

$$x = 11$$

$$2 \quad \frac{5(x+6)}{5} = \frac{40}{5}$$

$$x + 6 = 8$$

$$-6 \quad -6$$

$$x = 2$$

$$3 \quad \frac{x+9}{2} = 5(2)$$

$$x + 9 = 10$$

$$-9 \quad -9$$

$$x = 1$$

$$4 \quad \frac{x-15}{4} = 3(4)$$

$$x - 15 = 12$$

$$+15 \quad +15$$

$$x = 27$$

$$5 \quad \frac{32}{8} = \frac{8(x+1)}{8}$$

$$4 = x + 1$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

$$3 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3$$

$$6 \quad \frac{3+x}{7} = 4(7)$$

$$3 + x = 28$$

$$-3 \quad -3$$

$$x = 25$$

$$7 \quad \frac{x-10}{9} = 7(9)$$

$$x - 10 = 63$$

$$+10 \quad +10$$

$$x = 73$$

$$8 \quad \frac{6(x-11)}{6} = \frac{42}{6}$$

$$x - 11 = 7$$

$$+11 \quad +11$$

$$x = 18$$

$$9 \quad \frac{10(x+2)}{10} = \frac{70}{10}$$

$$x + 2 = 7$$

$$-2 \quad -2$$

$$x = 5$$

$$10 \quad \frac{x+5}{4} = 14(4)$$

$$x + 5 = 56$$

$$-5 \quad -5$$

$$x = 51$$

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$$1 \quad (\cancel{x+5}) \frac{12}{\cancel{x+5}} = 2(x+5)$$

$$\frac{12}{2} = \frac{2(x+5)}{2}$$

$$6 = x + 5$$

$$-5 \quad -5$$

$$1 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$$

$$2 \quad (\cancel{x-4}) \frac{21}{\cancel{x-4}} = 7(x-4)$$

$$\frac{21}{7} = \frac{7(x-4)}{7}$$

$$3 = x - 4$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$7 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 7$$

$$3 \quad 11 = 23 - 4x$$

$$+4x \quad +4x$$

$$4x + 11 = 23$$

$$-11 \quad -11$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{12}{4}$$

$$x = 3$$

$$4 \quad 27 - 3x = 15$$

$$+3x \quad +3x$$

$$27 = 15 + 3x$$

$$-15 \quad -15$$

$$\frac{12}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$4 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4$$

$$5 \quad (\cancel{x-3}) 8 = \frac{24}{\cancel{x-3}} (\cancel{x-3})$$

$$\frac{8(x-3)}{8} = \frac{24}{8}$$

$$x - 3 = 3$$

$$+3 \quad +3$$

$$x = 6$$

$$6 \quad (\cancel{x+6}) 7 = \frac{77}{\cancel{x+6}} (\cancel{x+6})$$

$$\frac{7(x+6)}{7} = \frac{77}{7}$$

$$x + 6 = 11$$

$$-6 \quad -6$$

$$x = 5$$

$$7 \quad 41 - 2x = 9$$

$$+2x \quad +2x$$

$$41 = 9 + 2x$$

$$-9 \quad -9$$

$$\frac{32}{2} = \frac{2x}{2} \quad x = 16$$

$$8 \quad 25 = 80 - 11x$$

$$+11x \quad +11x$$

$$11x + 25 = 80$$

$$-25 \quad -25$$

$$\frac{11x}{11} = \frac{55}{11} \quad x = 5$$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with decimals)

AB-TSE 5

Instructions: Solve each equation. You can use a calculator to do the decimal arithmetic if you'd like to.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 1.5 + 2x = 12.5 \\ -1.5 \quad -1.5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$x = 5.5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad \frac{3.5(x + 0.2) = 7}{\cancel{3.5} \quad 3.5} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 0.2 = 2 \\ -0.2 \quad -0.2 \end{array}$$

$$x = 1.8$$

$$3 \quad (\cancel{2}) \frac{x + 6.1}{2} = 3.4(2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 6.1 = 6.8 \\ -6.1 \quad -6.1 \end{array}$$

$$x = 0.7$$

$$4 \quad (\cancel{2.8}) \frac{x - 3}{2.8} = 1.2(2.8)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 = 3.36 \\ +3 \quad +3 \end{array}$$

$$x = 6.36$$

$$5 \quad \frac{4(x - 1.9) = 5.2}{\cancel{4} \quad 4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 1.9 = 1.3 \\ +1.9 \quad +1.9 \end{array}$$

$$x = 3.2$$

$$6 \quad \frac{x}{1.1} + 3.6 = 4.3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3.6 \quad -3.6 \end{array}$$

$$(\cancel{1.1}) \frac{x}{1.1} = 0.7(1.1)$$

$$x = 0.77$$

$$7 \quad (\cancel{9}) \frac{x - 2.5}{9} = 4.5(9)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 2.5 = 40.5 \\ +2.5 \quad +2.5 \end{array}$$

$$x = 43.0$$

$$8 \quad 3x + 1.8 = 7.2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1.8 \quad -1.8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{5.4}{3}$$

$$x = 1.8$$

$$9 \quad \frac{x}{0.4} - 2.3 = 7.2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2.3 \quad +2.3 \end{array}$$

$$(\cancel{0.4}) \frac{x}{0.4} = 9.5(0.4)$$

$$x = 3.8$$

$$10 \quad (\cancel{3.1}) \frac{x + 1.7}{3.1} = 6(3.1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 1.7 = 18.6 \\ -1.7 \quad -1.7 \end{array}$$

$$x = 16.9$$

Solving 2-Step Equations (with negative numbers)

AB-TSE 6

Instructions: Solve each equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \quad & -5 + 2x = -17 \\ & +5 \qquad +5 \\ & \underline{2x = -12} \\ & \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ & x = -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \quad & \underline{-9(x - 9) = 27} \\ & \underline{-9} \quad \underline{-9} \\ & x - 9 = -3 \\ & +9 \quad +9 \\ & x = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \quad & \underline{(-5)\frac{x + (-3)}{-5} = -6(-5)} \\ & x - 3 = 30 \\ & +3 \quad +3 \\ & x = 33 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \quad & \underline{(-3)\frac{x + 15}{-3} = -2(-3)} \\ & x + 15 = 6 \\ & -15 \quad -15 \\ & x = -9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \quad & \underline{\frac{3(x - 8)}{3} = \frac{-60}{3}} \\ & x - 8 = -20 \\ & +8 \quad +8 \\ & x = -12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \quad & \frac{x}{-2} + 10 = -3 \\ & \underline{-10} \quad \underline{-10} \\ & \underline{(-2)\frac{x}{-2} = -13(-2)} \\ & x = 26 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \quad & \underline{(-6)\frac{x + 8}{-6} = 2(-6)} \\ & x + 8 = -12 \\ & -8 \quad -8 \\ & x = -20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \quad & -3x - 3 = -15 \\ & +3 \quad +3 \\ & \underline{-3x = -12} \\ & \underline{-3} \quad \underline{-3} \\ & x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \quad & \frac{x}{-9} - 1 = 9 \\ & +1 \quad +1 \\ & \underline{(-9)\frac{x}{-9} = 10(-9)} \\ & x = -90 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \quad & \underline{(-7)\frac{x - 12}{-7} = 4(-7)} \\ & x - 12 = -28 \\ & +12 \quad +12 \\ & x = -16 \end{aligned}$$

Solving 2-Step Equations

1 Solve for x

$$2x + 5 = 17$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{12}{2}$$

$$x = 6$$

2 Solve for x

$$\frac{x}{3} - 6 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +6 \quad +6 \end{array}$$

$$(3)\frac{x}{3} = 10(3)$$

$$x = 30$$

3 Solve for x

$$20 = 8 + 4x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 \quad -8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

$$3 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3$$

4 Solve for x

$$\frac{2(x + 9)}{2} = \frac{24}{2}$$

$$x + 9 = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -9 \quad -9 \end{array}$$

$$x = 3$$

5 Solve for x

$$\frac{15}{3} = \frac{3(x - 6)}{3}$$

$$5 = x - 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +6 \quad +6 \end{array}$$

$$11 = x \quad \text{or} \quad x = 11$$

6 Solve for x

$$(5)\frac{x + 3}{5} = 4(5)$$

$$x + 3 = 20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \quad -3 \end{array}$$

$$x = 17$$

7 Solve for x

$$5 = 9 - 2x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2x \quad +2x \end{array}$$

$$2x + 5 = 9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{4}{2} \quad x = 2$$

8 Solve for x

$$(\cancel{x-2})\frac{28}{\cancel{x-2}} = 4(x-2)$$

$$\frac{28}{4} = \frac{4(x-2)}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{+2} = x - 2 \quad x = 9$$