



# **Solving equations with variables on both sides**

Mana Maths

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# Te reo Māori terms



**whārite**

equation

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**taurangi**

variable

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**kīanga**

expression

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**whakaoti**

solve

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# Foundation: Solving equations with variables on both sides

1. Solve for  $x$ :  
 $3x = 2x + 5$

2. Solve for  $y$ :  
 $4y = y + 9$

3. Solve for  $a$ :  
 $5a = 3a + 8$

4. Solve for  $b$ :  
 $7b = 2b + 15$

5. Solve for  $m$ :  
 $6m = 4m + 10$

6. Solve for  $n$ :  
 $8n = 5n + 12$

7. Solve for  $p$ :  
 $9p = 6p + 15$

8. Solve for  $q$ :  
 $10q = 7q + 18$

**9.** Solve for  $r$ :  
 $12r = 8r + 20$

**10.** Solve for  $s$ :  
 $15s = 9s + 24$

**11.** Solve for  $t$ :  $18t = 12t + 36$   
**12.** Solve for  $u$ :  
 $20u = 14u + 36$

**13.** Solve for  $v$ :  
 $24v = 16v + 40$

**14.** Solve for  $w$ :  
 $30w = 20w + 50$

**15.** Solve for  $x$ :  
 $36x = 24x + 60$

**16.** Solve for  $y$ :  
 $42y = 28y + 70$

# Proficient: Solving equations with variables on both sides

1. Solve for  $x$ :  
 $3x + 5 = 2x + 10$

2. Solve for  $y$ :  
 $4y - 3 = 2y + 7$

3. Solve for  $a$ :  
 $5a + 2 = 3a + 12$

4. Solve for  $b$ :  
 $7b - 4 = 3b + 16$

5. Solve for  $m$ :  
 $6m + 8 = 4m + 20$

6. Solve for  $n$ :  
 $8n - 5 = 5n + 13$

7. Solve for  $p$ :  
 $9p + 3 = 6p + 21$

8. Solve for  $q$ :  
 $10q - 6 = 7q + 15$

9. Solve for  $r$ :  
 $12r + 4 = 8r + 28$

10. Solve for  $s$ :  
 $15s - 9 = 9s + 27$

11. Solve for  $t$ :  $18t + 6 = 12t + 12$   
12. Solve for  $u$ :  
 $20u - 8 = 14u + 3$

# Excellence: Solving equations with variables on both sides

1. Solve for  $x$ :  $5x - 8 = 2x + 12$     Solve for  $a$ :  $15 - 2a = 4a + 3$     Solve for  $m$ :  $3m + 12 = 7m$

4. Solve for  $n$ :  $20 - 5n = 3n + 51$     Solve for  $p$ :  $4p + 15 = 9p - 60$     Solve for  $q$ :  $25 - 3q = 7q + 1$

7. Solve for  $r$ :  $6r + 18 = 14r - 22$     Solve for  $s$ :  $30 - 4s = 8s + 9$     Solve for  $t$ :  $7t + 24 = 16t - 1$

10. Solve for  $u$ :  $35 - 5u = 10u - 110$     Solve for  $v$ :  $8v + 30 = 20v - 128$     Solve for  $w$ :  $40 - 6w = 12w$

- 13.** Firm A charges 2 dollars per km plus a 5 dollar fee. Firm B charges 3 dollars per km plus a 2 dollar fee. Find the distance  $k$  where the costs are equal.
- 14.** A rectangle has length  $2x + 5$  and width  $x + 3$ . Its perimeter is 42 cm. Find  $x$ .
- 15.** Sarah is  $x$  years old. Her brother is  $2x - 5$  years old. Their ages sum to 31. Find  $x$ .
- 16.** Four times a number plus 7 equals three times the number plus 15. Find the number.
- 17.** Three consecutive integers sum to 72. Find the integers.
- 18.** One train travels at  $5x + 10$  km/h for 2 hours. Another travels at  $3x + 20$  km/h for 3 hours. They go the same distance. Find  $x$ .

**19.** Plan A costs 20 dollars plus 0.50 dollars per minute,  $m$ . Plan B costs 15 dollars plus 0.75 dollars per minute,  $m$ . Find when the costs are equal.

**20.** A rectangle has length  $3x + 4$  and width  $x - 2$ . Its perimeter is 36 cm. Find  $x$ .