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SOLVING EQUATIONS WITH VARIABLES ON BOTH SIDES (DAY 1)

Solving

- 1) Cancel the “smallest variable term”
- 2) Collect constant terms on the other side

Examples

a) $13 + 5x = 2x - 8$

b) $2m - 6 = 12 - 4m$

$$c) \quad 34 - 3x = 14x$$

Practice

1) $7 - 8x = 4x - 17$

2) $9 - 3k = 17 - 2k$

Multi-step with variables on each side of the equation

- 1) Simplify each side of the equation
- 2) Collect variable terms on one side
- 3) Collect constant terms on the other side

Examples

$$a) \ 3 - 4y = 5(y - 3)$$

$$b) \ 3z - 10 + 4z = 5z - 7$$

1.3 Practice – Variables on Both Sides 1

1) $y = 24 - 3y$

2) $-7a = -12a - 65$

3) $7(a - 2) = 3a + 14$

4) $4(r - 9) + 2 = 12r + 14$

$$\mathbf{5)} \quad 5(2 + n) = 3(n + 6)$$

$$\mathbf{6)} \quad 3(2 + v) - 4v = v + 16$$

No Solution vs Infinitely Many

An equation has **NO SOLUTION**:

if once you solve, one side can NOT be equal to the other side...

An equation is has **INFINITELY MANY SOLUTIONS**:

if once you solve, one side is ALWAYS equal to the other side...

Examples

a) $13 + x = 2x - 8$

$$b) \quad 2m - 6 = -6 + 2m$$

$$c) \quad 3x = 3(x + 4)$$