SOLVING EQUATIONS WITH VARIABLES ON **BOTH SIDES**



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

<u>Examples</u>

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

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

c) 34 - 3x = 14x



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

<u>Examples</u>

a)
$$3-4y=5(y-3)$$
 b) $3z-10+4z=5z-7$

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...

<u>Examples</u>

a) 13 + x = 2x - 8

b) 2m-6 = -6+2m

c) 3x = 3(x+4)