

3.1 Introduction to Solving Equations – Part I



Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equation>.

Read the introduction and the section titled “Knowns and Unknowns”. Take notes that will help you to understand the instructions below.

Notes

Activity 1 – Draw a circle around all equations. Cross-out expressions.

$3x + 1 = 11$	$5x + 3$	$10 + y$	$15 + w = 2w - 15$
$x + 2 + 3x$	$2(y + 4) = 18$	$5x$	$\frac{1}{2}x + 10 = 14$
$2x + 10 + 3x = 15$	$20x + 10$	$x = 11$	$4w + 3w + 10$

Class Notes – State the expression that is on the left side of each equation. If possible, simplify it.

LP#1 $3x + 1 = 11$	$15 + w = 2w - 15$	$2(y + 4) = 18$
LP#2 $\frac{1}{2}x + 10 = 14$	$10y - 6y = 16$	$2x + 10 + 3x = 15$

Class Notes – State the expression that is on the right side of each equation. If possible, simplify it.

LP#3 $2x + 8 = 22$	$15 = 5(w - 10)$	$5 + y = 21 - 3y$
LP#4 $16 + z = 5z - 3z + 10$	$5x = 25$	$30 = 18 + x - 10$

Class Notes – State the unknown in each equation.

LP#5 $2x + 8 = 22$	$16 + z = 5z - 3z + 10$	$5 + y = 21 - 3y$
LP#6 $5 + y = 21 - 3y$	$15 = 5(w - 10)$	$\frac{1}{2}x + 10 = 14$
LP#7 $5x = 25$	$10y - 6y = 16$	What is another term we can use to describe the unknown in an equation?

Review – State whether each is an expression or an equation. If possible, simplify each expression and each expression in each equation.

R#1 $21 + a$	$5(x + 10) = 20$
R#2 $6x + 8 = 20$	$4w + 3 + w = 18$
R#3 $10 + p = 2p - 20$	$2k + 12 + 8k$

Homework – State whether each is an expression or an equation.

- 1) $4x - 7$ 2) $4(y + 8) = 36$ 3) $15x + 13$ 4) $5x + 13 + 6x = 18$
 5) $10x - 4 - 7x = 20$ 6) $9x + 2$ 7) $3(y - 5) = 33$ 8) $6x - 2 - x$
 9) $5x + 2 - 3x + 7$ 10) $4x + 10 + 5 = 35$ 11) $3y + 10y$ 12) $6(y - 10) = 60$

State the expression that is on the left side of each equation. If possible, simplify it.

- 13) $13y - 9y = 20$ 14) $5(y + 3) = 15$ 15) $16 + 2w = 3w - 16$ 16) $11x + 9 + 3 = 43$
 17) $45 + 5w = 10w - 75$ 18) $30 + 2w = 4w - 30$ 19) $5y - 3y = 8$ 20) $6(y + 4) = 54$
 21) $4(y - 5) = 36$ 22) $13y - 9y = 44$ 23) $10 + 3w = 5w - 22$ 24) $15y - 9y = 36$

State the expression that is on the right side of each equation. If possible, simplify it.

- 25) $6x + 24 = 66$ 26) $30 = 10(w - 8)$ 27) $17 + 3z = 7z + z - 3$ 28) $8 + 3y = 24 - y$
 29) $3 + 6y = 19 + 2y$ 30) $11 + 3z = 5z - z + 5$ 31) $10x + 40 = 80$ 32) $90 = 30(w + 2)$
 33) $45 = 5(w - 1)$ 34) $15 - y = 31 - 5y$ 35) $24 = 3(w + 2)$ 36) $6 + 3z = 7z - 3z$

Synthesis

Convert each expression into an equivalent expression containing radical coefficients.

- 37) $3x + 10$ 38) $6x - 10$ 39) $5a + 2b - 4$ 40) $9y + 10x$ 41) $7m + n + 13$

Convert each expression into an equivalent expression containing decimal coefficients.

- 42) $\frac{3}{4}x + 5$ 43) $\frac{1}{8}x - 6$ 44) $\frac{2}{9}a + \frac{1}{2}b - 3$ 45) $\frac{3}{10}y + \frac{3}{8}x$ 46) $\frac{7}{9}m + 3$

Convert each expression into an equivalent expression containing fractional coefficients.

- 47) $0.25x + 9$ 48) $0.375x - 10$ 49) $0.11a + 0.2b - 4$ 50) $0.5y + 0.7x$ 51) $0.625m - 5$