Equations: Letters on Both Sides

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Examples

Workout



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Question 1: Solve the following equations

(a)
$$4x + 1 = 2x + 7$$

(b)
$$5x + 4 = 3x + 16$$

(c)
$$2x + 8 = x + 12$$

(d)
$$7x + 1 = 2x + 46$$

(e)
$$6x - 3 = 2x + 13$$

(f)
$$9x - 10 = 7x + 24$$

(g)
$$2x + 21 = 4x + 5$$

(h)
$$x + 2 = 5x - 2$$

(i)
$$6x - 9 = 4x - 1$$

(j)
$$5x + 2 = 16 - 2x$$

(k)
$$3x - 1 = 23 - x$$

(l)
$$6x + 8 = 38 - 4x$$

(m)
$$80 - x = 8x - 1$$

(n)
$$2x + 7 = 17 - 8x$$

(o)
$$15 - x = 27 - 3x$$

(p)
$$12x - 20 = 15x - 38$$

(q)
$$35x + 10 = 20x + 175$$

(r)
$$14x = 2x + 60$$

Question 2: Solve the following equations

(a)
$$3x + 3 = x + 8$$

(b)
$$9x + 10 = 7x + 39$$

(c)
$$3x + 1 = 7x - 17$$

(d)
$$x + 4 = 13 - x$$

(e)
$$16x + 3 = 6x + 24$$

(f)
$$9x + 12 = 6x + 14$$

(g)
$$7x + 24 = 12x - 12$$

(h)
$$2x + 9 = 48 - 6x$$

(i)
$$34 - 12x = 28x - 36$$

Question 3: Solve the following equations

(a)
$$4x + 15 = x + 3$$

(b)
$$8x + 40 = 3x + 5$$

(c)
$$9x + 7 = 11x + 20$$

(d)
$$7x + 9 = 2x - 16$$

(e)
$$9x - 70 = 2x - 91$$

(f)
$$4 - 5x = 3x + 28$$

(g)
$$10x + 136 = -8 - 2x$$

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 (h) $-6x + 2 = -4x + 10$

(i)
$$-11x - 4 = -3x + 60$$

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Question 4: Solve the following equations

(a)
$$5(x+3) = 3(x+9)$$

(b)
$$8(x-1) = 4(x+3)$$

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 (b) $8(x-1) = 4(x+3)$ (c) $3(x+13) = 10(x-1)$

(d)
$$2(4x-3) = 5(2x-5)$$
 (e) $9(2x-5) = 3(4x+7)$ (f) $2(9-x) = 3(x+16)$

(e)
$$9(2x-5) = 3(4x+7)$$

(f)
$$2(9-x) = 3(x+16)$$

(g)
$$5(2x+9) + 2(x+11) = 3(3x+4) + 46$$

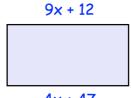
(h)
$$8(x-2) - 3(1-x) = 9(x+2) + 1$$

Apply

Question 1: Shown is a rectangle

(a) Explain why
$$9x + 12 = 4x + 47$$

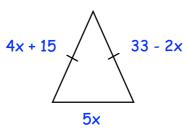
(b) Find x



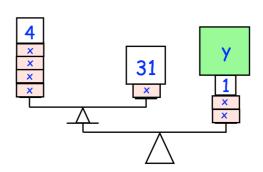
$$4x + 47$$

Question 2: Shown is an isosceles triangle

- (a) Explain why 4x + 15 = 33 2x
- (b) Find x
- (c) Find the perimeter of the isosceles triangle



- Explain why 8x + 3 = 2(4x + 1) has no solution. Question 3:
- Question 4: (a) Find the value of x
 - (b) Find the value of y



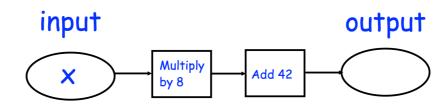
^{*} The mass of the balances are very small, so may be ignored



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Question 5: Shown below is a function machine.

The input and output have the same value.



- (a) Write an equation in terms of x.
- (b) Solve the equation to find the value of x.

Question 6: Toby has completed his homework. Can you spot any mistakes?

(a) Solve
$$7x - 5 = 5x + 23$$
 Solve $3x + 11 = 41 - 2x$

$$-5x - 5x$$

$$2x - 5 = 23$$

$$-5 - 5$$

$$2x = 18$$

$$2x = 18$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 9$$

Answers





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