

**WARM UP:** Each bag contains the same number of gold coins. Determine how many coins are in each bag.



3 bags and 1 stack of 6 coins      1 bag and 4 stacks of 6 coins

Step 1: Remove 1 bag from BOTH SIDES  
Step 2: Remove 1 stack of coins from BOTH SIDES  
Step 3: Divide coins between both bags EVENLY.

$$2 \text{ bags} = 18 \text{ coins}$$

$$1 \text{ bag} = 18 \div 2$$

$$= 9 \text{ coins}$$

## SOLVING THE UNKNOWN ALGEBRAICALLY

Determine how many coins are in the bag.

Let 'x' represent each bag and each coin will have a value of one.

1 bag and 2 coins



7 coins



LEFT SIDE

RIGHT SIDE

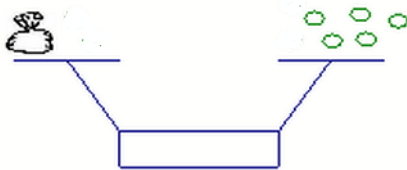
1 bag and 2 coins equal to 7 coins

$$x + 2 = 7$$

equation  $x + 2 = 7$  to isolate x (bag)  
 $-2 \quad -2$  subtract (remove) 2 (coins) from BOTH SIDES

$$x = 5$$

∴ The solution to this equation is 5.



## GOLDEN RULE OF ALGEBRA

PERFORM THE SAME OPERATION(S) TO BOTH SIDES

## SOLVING ONE-STEP EQUATIONS

JUST perform the inverse  
 ( opposite ) operation.

Solve each of the following equations:

Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division	Square
$x + 5 = 9$ $-5 \quad -5$ $x = 4$	$x - 1 = 3$ $+1 \quad +1$ $x = 4$	$2x = 10$ $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{10}{2}$ $x = 5$	$\frac{x}{2} = 6$ $x \div 2 \times 2 = 6 \times 2$ $x = 12$	$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$ $x = 3$
$x + 10 = 31$ $-10 \quad -10$ $x = 21$	$x - 8 = 2$ $+8 \quad +8$ $x = 10$	$5x = 40$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{40}{5}$ $x = 8$	$3 \cdot \frac{x}{3} = -2 \cdot 3$ $x = -6$	$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{36}$ $x = 6$

# SOLVING TWO-STEP EQUATIONS

Use Reverse Order of Operations

So A / M or D / E / B

Solve the following equations:

1) Teacher	Your Turn
$2x + 8 = 20$ $-8 \quad -8$ $2x = 12$ $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{12}{2}$ $x = 6$ <i>1) Subtract 8 from both sides</i> <i>2) divide both sides by 2</i>	a) $3x - 10 = 11$ $+10 \quad +10$ $3x = 21$ $\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{21}{3}$ $x = 7$ b) $25 = 5 + 5x$ $-5 \quad -5$ $20 = 5x$ $\frac{20}{5} = \frac{5x}{5}$ $4 = x$ $x = 4$
2) Teacher	Your Turn
$5 - x = 11$ $-5 \quad -5$ $-1x = 6$ $\frac{-1x}{-1} = \frac{6}{-1}$ $x = -6$ <i>1) Subtract 5 from both sides</i> <i>2) ÷ both sides by -1</i>	a) $10 - x = 22$ $-10 \quad -10$ $-x = 12$ $\frac{-x}{-1} = \frac{12}{-1}$ $x = -12$ b) $-22 = -x - 11$ $+11 \quad +11$ $-33 = -x$ $\frac{-33}{-1} = \frac{-x}{-1}$ $33 = x$ $x = 33$
3) Teacher	Your Turn
$+7 - 3x = 19$ $-7 \quad -7$ $-3x = 12$ $\frac{-3x}{-3} = \frac{12}{-3}$ $x = -4$ <i>1) subtract 7 from both sides</i> <i>2) ÷ both sides by -3</i>	a) $-2x - 8 = 10$ $+8 \quad +8$ $-2x = 18$ $\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{18}{-2}$ $x = -9$ b) $131 = 11 - 5x$ $-11 \quad -11$ $120 = -5x$ $\frac{120}{-5} = \frac{-5x}{-5}$ $-24 = x$ $x = -24$
4) Teacher	Your Turn
$\frac{x}{3} - 2 = -4$ $+2 \quad +2$ $\frac{x}{3} = -2$ $3 \cdot \frac{x}{3} = -2 \cdot 3$ $x = -6$ <i>1) Add to both sides</i> <i>2) multiply both sides by 3</i>	a) $9 + \frac{x}{5} = 11$ $-9 \quad -9$ $\frac{x}{5} = 2$ $5 \cdot \frac{x}{5} = 2 \cdot 5$ $x = 10$ <i>* Subtract 9 from both sides</i> <i>* multiply both sides by 5</i> b) $10 = 2 - \frac{x}{2}$ $-2 \quad -2$ $8 = -\frac{x}{2}$ $2 \cdot 8 = -\frac{x}{2} \cdot 2$ $16 = -x$ $\frac{16}{-1} = \frac{-x}{-1}$ $x = -16$ <i>* subtract 2</i> <i>* multiply by 2</i> <i>* divide by -1</i>
5) Teacher	Your Turn
$x^2 - 5 = 44$ $+5 \quad +5$ $x^2 = 49$ $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{49}$ $x = 7$ <i>1) add 5 to both sides</i> <i>2) square root both sides</i>	a) $12 + x^2 = 21$ $-12 \quad -12$ $x^2 = 9$ $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$ $x = 3$ <i>* subtract 12 from both sides</i> <i>* square root both sides</i> b) $165 = -4 + x^2$ $+4 \quad +4$ $169 = x^2$ $\sqrt{169} = \sqrt{x^2}$ $13 = x$ $x = 13$ <i>* add 4 to both sides</i> <i>* sq root both sides</i>
6) Teacher	Your Turn
$2x^2 - 5 = 13$ $+5 \quad +5$ $2x^2 = 18$ $\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{18}{2}$ $x^2 = 9$ $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$ $x = 3$ <i>1) add 5 to both sides</i> <i>2) divide both sides by 2</i> <i>3) square root both sides</i>	a) $4x^2 - 10 = 26$ $+10 \quad +10$ $4x^2 = 36$ $\frac{4x^2}{4} = \frac{36}{4}$ $x^2 = 9$ $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$ $x = 3$ <i>* add 10 to both sides</i> <i>* divide both sides by 4</i> <i>* sq root both sides</i> b) $-306 = -6 - 3x^2$ $+6 \quad +6$ $-300 = -3x^2$ $\frac{-300}{-3} = \frac{-3x^2}{-3}$ $100 = x^2$ $\sqrt{100} = \sqrt{x^2}$ $10 = x$ $x = 10$ <i>* add 6 to both sides</i> <i>* ÷ both sides by -3</i> <i>* √ both sides</i>

PRACTICE

1. Mr. Forster solved the following equation. Explain, using full sentences, what he did to get each line of his solution.

Mr. Forster's Work	What He Did
$15 - 5x = 10$	Original Question
$-5x = -5$	Subtracted 15 from both sides
$x = 1$	Divided both sides by -5

2. Make up an equation with two operations that has a solution of  $x = 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3 &= 7 && \text{subtract 3 from both sides} \\ 2x &= 10 && \text{divide both sides} \\ x &= 5 && \text{start from the end} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 5 &= 20 \\ x^2 &= 25 \\ x &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

3. Mike is currently 8 years older than Janet. Mike's age can be calculated by using the equation below where  $m$  represents Mike's age. Calculate their ages.

Step 1

$$\begin{aligned} 2m - 8 &= 30 \\ +8 &+8 \\ \hline 2m &= 38 \\ \hline m &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2  
If Mike is 19 years old, then Janet is 11 years old.

THINKING

4. A triangle has a perimeter of 240 cm. The three side lengths are  $x$ ,  $2x + 40$  and  $x + 60$ . What are the side lengths of this triangle?

Sum of all sides = perimeter

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2x + 40 + x + 60 &= 240 \\ x + 2x + x + 40 + 60 &= 240 \\ 4x + 100 &= 240 \\ -100 &-100 \\ \hline 4x &= 140 \\ \hline x &= 35 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$



$\therefore$  Side  $x$  is 35 cm  
Side  $(2x+40)$  is  $2(35)+40=110$  cm  
Side  $(x+60)$  is  $35+60=95$  cm.