WARM UP
Each bag contains the same number of gold coins. Determine how many coins are in each bag algebraically.
Let "x" represent each bag and each coin will have a value of one 4 stacks of 6 coins



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\underset{-x}{3 x}+6=\underset{-x}{x}+24
$$

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\begin{array}{r}
2 x+6=24 \\
-6=-6
\end{array}
$$

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\frac{2 x}{2}=\frac{18}{2} \quad \therefore 9 \text { coins in och bop. }
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## Steps:

1. Apply distributive law
2. Simplify each side by collecting like terms
3. Eliminate variables from right side or left side by adding or subtracting
4. solve for x


## PRACTICE



1. Bilbo solved the following equation. he is incorrect. Circle two mistakes and explain why he is incorrect.

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\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
3(x+5)-(x+4)=3 \quad \text { Error \#1: Bilbo applied the distributed law incorrectly. He had to } \\
3 \\
\text { multiply } 5 \text { by } 3 \text { as well. }
\end{array} \\
& 3^{\prime} x^{\prime}+5-x^{2}+4=3 \\
& 3 x-x+5+4=3 \\
& 2 x+9=3 \\
& { }^{3}+9+9 \\
& 2 x=12 \\
& \div 2 \div 2 \\
& x=6 \\
& \text { Error \#1 } \\
& \text { multiply } 5 \text { by } 3 \text { as well. } \\
& 3(x+5)=3 x+15 \\
& \text { Error \#2: When we subtract a polynomial, we add the opposite, } \\
& \text { late only negated } x \text { but did not switch the sign of th. } \\
& -(x+4)=-x-4 \\
& \text { Error \#3: Bilbo tried to eliminate ta by adding 9. He was } \\
& \text { supposed to do inverse operation, subtract } 9 \text { from both bible. } \\
& \begin{array}{r}
2 x+9=3 \\
-9
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

ANSWERS: a) $x=-3$, b) $q=4$, c) $t=7$, d) $u=4$, e) $r=2$, f) $y=7.5, g$ ) $v=-4$,h) $y=2$, i) $w=17, j$ ) $m=-4, k) p=-2$, 1) $2^{\text {nd }}$ line: just dropped the brackets for both polynomials. Should have $3 x+15-x-4$, AND $5^{\text {th }}$ line +9 (should have subtracted 9 ).

