

Add & Subtract Equations

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Equation - # sentence that has an = sign.

Both sides of the = sign must be the same in value (like a balanced scale)

Steps

1. Copy the problem
2. Find the variable
3. Use the opposite operation to get the variable alone
+ opposite of -
- opposite of +
4. What you do to one side (of the = sign) you must do to the other
5. Cancel the side with the variable and solve the other

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } k + 18 = 64 \\ -18 \quad -18 \\ \hline k = 46 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } p + 25 = 39 \\ -25 \quad -25 \\ \hline p = 14 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } x - 12 = 34 \\ +12 \quad +12 \\ \hline x = 46 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } n - 6 = 27 \\ +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline n = 33 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } 16 = x - 4 \rightarrow \text{can rewrite} \rightarrow x - 4 = 16 \\ +4 \quad +4 \\ \hline x = 20 \end{array}$$