

**SOLVING EQUATIONS**  
**UNIT 1 TARGETS**

SKILL	EXAMPLE	I THINK I WILL GET A...	ACTUAL TEST SCORE
I know the vocabulary of expressions.	Identify the coefficient of the third term in $5x^3 + 7x^2 - 4x - 9$ <p style="text-align: center;">1    2    3    4</p> <p>The coeff. of the 3rd term is -4</p>		
** I can substitute and simplify expressions.	If the formula for kinetic energy is $k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ Then find the kinetic energy of a ball with a velocity of 15 meters per second and a mass of 10 kilograms. See work below		
I can combine like terms.	Simplify the following expression: $\cancel{6} + \cancel{5x} + \cancel{3x} - \cancel{9} - 7x$ $-3 + 1x$		
*** I can solve two step equations.	Solve for $a$ : $\begin{array}{r} -18 + 3a = 12 \\ +12 \hline -6 + 3a \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} +12 \\ \hline \frac{-6}{3} + \frac{3a}{3} \end{array}$ $a = -2$		
I can explain what it means to be a solution to an equation.	Is $x = 5$ a solution to $3x - 10 = 25$ ? Explain. $3(5) - 10 = 25$ $15 - 10 = 25$ $5 = 25$ This is false so no $x = 5$ is not a solution.		
*** I can solve an equation with the distributive property.	Solve: $3(2x + 6) = -14$ $3 \cdot 2x + 3 \cdot 6 = -14$ $6x + 18 = -14$ $-18 \quad -18$ $\begin{array}{r} 6x = -32 \\ \hline x = \end{array}$ <p>for now</p> $\text{Ans: } x = -\frac{16}{3}$		
I can solve an equation with combining like terms.	Solve: $2x + 5 - 8x + 7 = 24$ <p>See work below</p>		
*** I can solve an equation with variables on both sides.	Solve: $4x - 10 = 8x - 30$ $\begin{array}{r} -4x \quad -8x \\ \hline -10 = 4x - 30 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} +30 \quad +30 \\ \hline 20 = 4x \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 20 \div 4x \\ 4 \quad \overline{4} \\ \hline 5 = x \end{array}$		

I can tell by inspection when an equation has no solution or infinite solutions.

Tell which equation has no solution and explain.

a)  $5x + 2 = 5x - 7$   $\leftarrow$  NO solution

OR

b)  $7x - 3 = 7x - 3$

$\leftarrow$  this one is  $\infty$

I can solve an equation with rational coefficients.

Solve:

$$-\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{3}{4}x = 10$$

See work  
below

I can solve a multi-step equation.

Solve:

$$8(1 + 5x) + 5 = 13 + 5x$$

See work  
below

REFLECTION:

## Substitute & Simplify

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}(10)(15)^2$$

$$K = 1125 \text{ joules}$$

## Solve Eq. w/ Combining Like Terms

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 5(-8x) + 7 = 24 \\ -6x + 12 \quad \quad \quad 24 \\ \hline -12 \quad \quad \quad -12 \\ \hline -6x \quad \quad \quad 12 \\ -6 \quad \quad \quad -6 \\ \hline \boxed{x = -2} \end{array}$$

## Rational Coeff

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{3}{4}x &= 10 \\ -\frac{1}{3}x \cdot 12 + \frac{3}{4}x \cdot 12 &= 10 \cdot 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$4x + 9x = 120$$

$$\frac{13x}{13} = \frac{120}{13}$$

$$\boxed{x = 9.230769}$$

? Fractions?  
 $\frac{1}{3} \cdot 12 = \frac{12}{3} = 4$  ← multiply all to get rid of the fractions

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot 12 = \frac{36}{4} = 9$$

for now  
hs:  $x = \frac{120}{13}$

## multistep equation

$$8(1+5x) + 5 = 13 + 5x$$

$$8 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 5x + 5 = 13 + 5x$$

$$\textcircled{8} + 40x \textcircled{+ 5} = 13 + 5x$$

$$13 + 40x = 13 + 5x$$

$$\underline{-40x} \quad \underline{-40x}$$

$$13 = 13 - 35x$$

$$\underline{-13} \quad \underline{-13}$$

$$\frac{0}{-35} = \frac{-35x}{-35}$$

$$0 = x$$