Homework

More Two-Step Equations

An equation in the form p(x + q) = r contains two factors, p and (x + q) and is considered a two-step equation.

Example 1

Solve 6(x + 2) = 42. Check your solution.

$$6(x + 2) = 42$$

$$\frac{6(x + 2)}{6} = \frac{42}{6}$$

$$x + 2 = 7$$

$$-2 = -2$$

Write the equation.

$$6(x + 2) = 42$$
 Write the original equation.
 $6(5 + 2) \stackrel{?}{=} 42$ Replace x with 5.
 $6(7) \stackrel{?}{=} 42$ Add. Multiply.
 $42 = 42 \checkmark$ The solution checks.

The solution is 5.

Example 2

Solve $\frac{4}{5}(x-5) = 4$. Check your solution.

$$\frac{4}{5}(x-5) = 4$$
Write the equation.
$$\frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5}(x-5) = \frac{5}{4} \cdot 4$$
Multiplication Property of Equality
$$(x-5) = \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 1; \text{ write 4 as } \frac{4}{1}.$$
Simplify.

$$4 \quad 5 \quad (x - 5) = \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{1}$$

$$(x-5) = \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 1$$
; write 4 a

$$+5 = +5$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{x}{x} = 10$$

Check

$$\frac{4}{5}(x-5) = 4$$

x-3=3 Simplify. x-5=+5 Addition Property of Equality Simplify. x=10 Simplify. x=10 Write the original equation.

Replace x with 10.

$$\frac{4}{5}(10-5) = 4$$

 $\frac{4}{5}(10-5) = 4$ Subtract then multiply.

$$\frac{4}{5}(5) = 4$$
 \checkmark The solution checks.

The solution is 10.

Exercises

1.
$$7(x + 4) = 49$$

2.
$$2(x-8) = -22$$

3.
$$10(x+3) = -20$$

4.
$$25(x-3) = 175$$

5.
$$\frac{3}{4}(x-12)=3$$

6.
$$\frac{2}{3}(x+4) = 14$$