



Solving Equations

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One unknown

Solve $2x + 3 = 9$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -3 & -3 & \\ 2x & = & 6 \\ \div 2 & \div 2 & \\ x & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Solve $3x - 5 = 4$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} +4 & +4 & \\ 3x & = & 9 \\ \div 3 & \div 3 & \\ x & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Solve $3x + 2 = -7$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -2 & -2 & \\ 3x & = & -9 \\ \div 3 & \div 3 & \\ x & = & -3 \end{array}$$

Solve $2(x + 1) = 9$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 2 & = & 9 \\ -2 & -2 & \\ 2x & = & 7 \\ \div 2 & \div 2 & \\ x & = & 3.5 \end{array}$$

Find the area of the square



13

$3x + 4$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x + 4 & = & 13 \\ -4 & -4 & \\ 3x & = & 9 \\ \div 3 & \div 3 & \\ x & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Two unknowns

Solve $2x + 1 = x + 9$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1 & -1 & \\ 2x & = & x + 8 \\ -x & -x & \\ x & = & 8 \end{array}$$

Solve $2x - 2 = x + 4$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} +2 & +2 & \\ 2x & = & x + 6 \\ -x & -x & \\ x & = & 6 \end{array}$$

Solve $2x + 4 = x - 7$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -4 & -4 & \\ 2x & = & x + 11 \\ -x & -x & \\ x & = & 11 \end{array}$$

Solve $4x + 1 = x + 10$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1 & -1 & \\ 4x & = & x + 9 \\ -x & -x & \\ 3x & = & 9 \\ x & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Find the area of the square



$2x + 4$

$x + 8$

$2x + 4 = x + 8$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -4 & -4 & \\ 2x & = & x + 4 \\ -x & -x & \\ x & = & 4 \end{array}$$

If $x = 4$ then
 $2 \times 4 + 4 = 12$
 And
 $4 + 8 = 12$

Answer =
 $12 \times 12 = 144$



Setting up equations & simultaneous equations

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Key Words

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Solve $2x + 1 = 7$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \quad -1 \\ 2x = 6 \\ \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\ x = 3 \end{array}$$

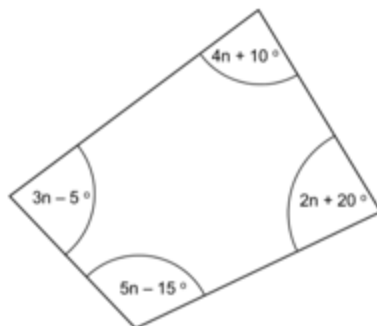
Solve $2x + 3 = x + 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \quad -3 \\ 2x = x + 3 \\ -x \quad -x \\ x = 3 \end{array}$$

Solve $3x - 2 = x + 6$

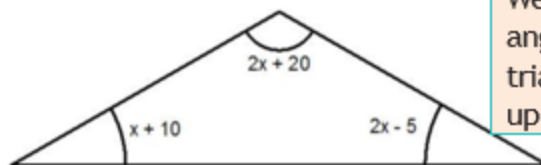
$$\begin{array}{r} +2 \quad +2 \\ 3x = x + 8 \\ -x \quad -x \\ 2x = 8 \\ \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\ x = 4 \end{array}$$

Setting up and solving equations

Find the value of n 

We know that angles in quadrilaterals add up to 360°

$$\begin{aligned} 3n - 5 + 5n - 15 + 4n + 10 + 2n + 20 &= 360 \\ 14n + 10 &= 360 \\ 14n &= 350 \\ n &= 25^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of x 

We know that angles in triangles add up to 180°

$$\begin{aligned} x + 10 + 2x + 20 + 2x - 5 &= 180 \\ 5x + 25 &= 180 \\ 5x &= 155 \\ x &= 31^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Simultaneous Equations

Remember STOP

Same-sign, take away, opposite-sign, plus

$$\begin{array}{r} 1) \quad 6x + y = 26 \\ + \quad 2x - y = 6 \\ \hline 8x = 32 \\ x = 4 \\ \text{Substitute in } x = 4 \\ 8 - y = 6 \\ y = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2) \quad 6x + y = 27 \\ - \quad 4x + y = 11 \\ \hline 2x = 16 \\ x = 8 \\ \text{Substitute in } x = 8 \\ 32 + y = 11 \\ y = -21 \end{array}$$

Problem Solving

A lamp and a bulb together cost £32.

The lamp costs £30 more than the bulb.

How much does the bulb cost?



Let the lamp = L
Let the bulb = B

$$L + B = 32$$

$$B + 30 = L$$

$$(B + 30) + B = 32$$

$$2B + 30 = 32$$

$$2B = 2$$

$$B = 1$$

$$\text{If } B = 1 \text{ then } L + 1 = 32$$

$$\text{So } L = 31$$