

10.2 Modelling and Solving Two-Step Equations

Communicate the Ideas

$$ax + b = c$$

1. a) Draw algebra tiles to model $3x - 5 = 16$.

Isolate means to get the variable alone.

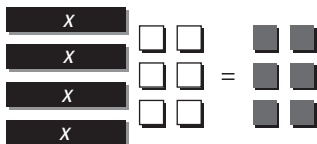
- b) To isolate x , add _____ tiles to both sides of the equation.
Give 1 reason why you need to add this number of tiles. Hint: Use zero pairs.

- c) To solve for x , divide both sides of the equation by _____.
Give 1 reason why you need to divide by this number.

Check Your Understanding

Practise

2. Solve each equation modelled by the algebra tiles.

a) 

b) 

$x =$ _____

$t =$ _____

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3. Solve the equation modelled by each balance scale. Check your solution.

a) $3x + 8 = 11$

b) $13 = 4h + 5$

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4. Complete the table.

Equation	First Operation to Solve	Second Operation to Solve
$4r - 2 = 14$	Add _____ to each side.	Divide both sides by _____.
$-22 = -10 + 2n$		
$53 = -9k - 1$		
$3 - 3x = -9$		

5. Solve each equation and check your answer.

a) $6r + 6 = 18$

b) $4m - 2 = 14$

Check:

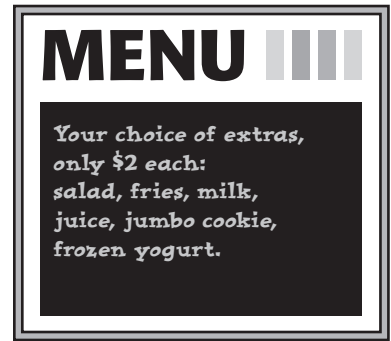
Left Side	Right Side
$6r + 6$	18

Check:

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Apply

6. You buy lunch at Sandwich Express. A sandwich costs \$4. Each extra topping costs \$2. You have \$10. Use the equation $2e + 4 = 10$ to find how many extra toppings you can get if you spend all of your money.



Sentence: _____

7. Jennifer is saving money to buy a new bike. She doubled the money in her bank account, and then she took out \$50. She has \$300 left in her account.

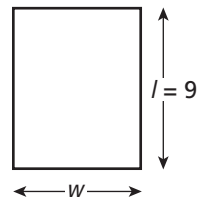
- a) Write an equation to find the amount in her account at the beginning. b) Solve the equation.

$m - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 300$

m = money in Jennifer's account

Jennifer had _____ in her bank account.

8. A classroom's length is 3 m less than 2 times its width. The classroom has a length of 9 m.



- a) Write an equation to find the width of the classroom.

Equation: $w - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

w = width

- b) Solve the equation to find the width of the classroom.

Sentence: _____