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EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES


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Unit 7: Student Packet

## MY WORD BANK

Explain the mathematical meaning of each word or phrase, using pictures and examples when possible. See Student Resources for mathematical vocabulary.

boundary point of a solution set | equation |
| :---: |
| solution to an equation |
| solve an equation |

## LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS

On this page, the same animals have the same value. Different animals have different values.
Find the value of each animal and the value of explain your reasoning.


## SOLVING EQUATIONS USING SUBSTITUTION

We will use substitution as a strategy to solve equations. Then we will use these equation-solving skills to solve number puzzle problems, given visual and written clues.
[7.NS.3, 7.EE.4a; SMP1, 7]

## GETTING STARTED

Solve for the unknown. Write MM if you use mental math. Otherwise, show work. Check each solution by substituting it into the original equation.

| 1. $4=v-2$. | $2 . \quad 6 u=24$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

10. Record the meanings of equation and solution to an equation / solve an equation in My Word Bank.

## THE COVER UP METHOD

Follow you teacher's directions for (1) - (7). Solve and check each equation using substitution.


## PRACTICE 1

1. Record the meaning of substitution in My Word Bank.

Solve and check each equation using substitution.

| 2. | $4+12 b=100$ | 3. $15=5 y+20$ | 4. | $6 n-5=-65$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5. | $0=23(0.5+x)$ | 6. | $\frac{m}{-4}+6=7$ |  |
| 8. | $-6=\frac{42}{n+1}$ | 9. | $-4(p-10)=100$ |  |

11. The weight of a small bag of apples, $a$, is unknown. The weight of a small bag of oranges is 5 pounds.
a. Write an expression for the weight of a large grocery bag filled with a small bag of oranges and a small bag of apples.
c. Write an equation to show that the total weight of the 3 large grocery bags is 36 pounds. Then solve the equation.
b. Write an expression for the weight of 3 large grocery bags, each filled with a small bag of oranges and a small bag of apples.
d. What does the solution to the equation represent?

## INTRODUCTION TO THE HUNDRED CHART PUZZLE

To the right is a hundred chart.

1. State two patterns you notice on the chart.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |

Suppose a hundred chart is cut into puzzle-type pieces. For problems $2-4$, write in the missing numbers. For problems $5-7$, write in the missing algebraic expressions.
5.

6.

7.

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| $n$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |

## THE HUNDRED CHART PUZZLE

Follow your teacher's directions.
(1) $\sum \rightarrow$ This is the $\qquad$ It means $\qquad$ .

(3)

(5)

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## PRACTICE 2

Here are some puzzle pieces from different hundred square puzzles. Write in variable expressions and use your equation-solving skills to find the numbers in the pieces.

1. $\Sigma=138$

| $n$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

3. $\Sigma=110$

4. $\Sigma=92$
5. 



Keith and Mick built square tile patterns and kept track of the steps in the tables below. 5. Fill in the number of tiles in step 5 for each, and then write input-output rules (equations).
6. Find the number of tiles in step 100 for each.
7. Find the step number for the given number of tiles in the last row for each.

8. How are these patterns the same?
9. How are they different?

## SOLVING EQUATIONS USING ALGEBRA

We will use the concept of balance with a cups and counters model to solve equations. Then we will use properties of arithmetic and equality to solve equations algebraically, and apply these skills to solving problems.
[7.NS.3, 7.EE.1, 7.EE.4a, 7.RP.2ac; SMP1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

## GETTING STARTED

In each problem below, all the shapes have some weight, the same shapes have the same weight, and different shapes have different weights. All problems are independent of one another. Use what you know about balance to answer each question.


## BALANCED AND UNBALANCED SCALES

We can picture equalities with balanced scales and inequalities with unbalanced scales. Imagine that each 1 represents one unit of weight and each $\hat{?}$ represents an unknown weight (not equal to zero). To represent unknowns, a popular variable is $x$.

|  | Equation | Inequality |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| This is a balanced scale (equation). | $\rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} & 3 x=3 x \\ & \text { ?रे? } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| For each problem, start with this original ba Draw a sketch to illustrate the action describe Write the resulting equation or inequality. |  | (eater scale, $4=4 . \quad$1 1 <br> 1 1 |
| 1. Three units (1's) are removed from both sides of the original balanced scale. <br> equation or inequality: |  | 2. One unknown $(x)$ is added to both sides of the original balanced scale. <br> equation or inequality: |
| 3. Two units are removed from the right side of the original scale. equation or inequality: <br> 4. Two $x$ 's are added to the right side, and one $x$ to the left side of the original scale. equation or inequality: |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| 5. The number of units on both sides of the original scale is doubled. equation or inequality: |  | 6. One-half the units are removed from each side of the original scale. <br> equation or inequality: |

7. Iggy built the balanced scale to the right.
a. Write the equation it represents.
b. Why can Iggy remove 3 units from both sides?

c. Draw the new balanced scale and write the equation it represents.
d. Does the equation in part c represent the solution to the equation in part a?

## SOLVING EQUATIONS WITH BALANCE

Follow your teacher's directions.


## PRACTICE 3

For each equation, first build it with cups and counters. Continue the building process until it is solved. Record the process with drawings. Write the solution and check it using substitution.


Explain each student's mistakes below.

| 5. Hoagy sees 2 positive counters and 2 negative counters and says, "I'm going to remove them because they are zero pairs." $V++\mid-$ | 6. Tito says, "I see 3 cups on one side and 6 positive counters on the other, so $x=2$." $\wedge \wedge \wedge \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l\|l} +++ \\ +++ \end{array}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: |

Follow your teacher's directions.
(1)

## PRACTICE 4

1. Write the equation pictured to the right so that there are parentheses on the left side, and the distributive property must be applied. Then solve the equation, showing all algebraic steps. Draw as desired.

Solve by showing all algebraic steps.


Circle the part of each equation-solving process that contains a mistake. Correct it and continue the solution process underneath the problem.

8. Circle all of the following equations that are equivalent to $4+6 x=22$.

$$
6 x=18 \quad 4+x=16 \quad 22=4+6 x \quad \frac{4+6 x}{2}=\frac{22}{2} \quad 3(4+6 x)=66
$$

## PRACTICE 5

Joey and Tommy discussed how they might solve the equation $20 d+78=12$.

1. Joey said, "First l'm going to divide the expressions on both sides of the equation by 20. ." Even though Joey's strategy is permissible, why might it be difficult to execute?
2. Tommy said, "First I'm going to subtract 78 ." Even though Tommy has the right idea, explain why this language is not precise.
3. Solve the equation above. Show your work.
4. Dee Dee has $\$ 240$ in his savings account. He deposits $\$ 20$ per month for several months.
a. Write a numerical expression for the amount of money that is in Dee Dee's account after 6 months.
c. Write an equation to represent that Dee Dee has $\$ 580$ in his account after $n$ months. Then solve the equation for $n$.

5. Circle all the equations below that are equivalent to $0=3(x-2)+5$.

$$
-5=3(x-2)
$$

$3(x-2)+5=0$
$3 x-2+5=0$

## JOAN'S PHONES

Joan's Phones sells cheap calling plans. There is a set-up cost of $\$ 20$, and then there is an annual charge of $\$ 144$. If you wish, you may be billed semi-annually or quarterly.

1. Before ever using the phone ( 0 months, 0 days), you pay $\$$ $\qquad$ .
2. If billed annually, after 1 year you will pay $\qquad$ $+$ $\qquad$ = \$ $\qquad$ .
3. If billed semi-annually, after half a year, you will pay $\qquad$ $+$ $\qquad$ = \$

4. Complete the table below showing various costs for Joan's phone plan.

| Time in years $(t)$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5 | 0.25 | 1.5 | 3.25 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cost in dollars $(c)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

5. Draw and label the graph to the right for phone plan.
6. Write an equation that relates $t$ and $c$.
7. Is this a proportional relationship? Why?

Determine the number of years of phone plan use that result in the phone costs indicated below. For non-whole numbers of years, also write the solution in years and months.


| 8. | $c=272$ | $9 . \quad c=632$ | $10 . \quad c=128$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

11. Ric thinks that the point $(1,144)$ should lie on the graph since the cost is $\$ 144$ per every 1 year of service. Explain to Ric why this isn't true.

## INEQUALITIES

We will explore the conditions under which the sign of an inequality is preserved or reversed, and solve and graph inequalities.
[7.NS.3, 7.EE.1, 7.EE.4ab; SMP1, 3, 6, 7, 8]

## GETTING STARTED

1. Circle all of the true inequalities below. Then use these inequalities for problems $2-3$.
a. $(-1)(7)>(-1)(8) \frac{1}{1}$
b. $\frac{5}{12}<\frac{5}{9}$
$21+9<9+21 \frac{1}{1}$
อ. $\frac{3}{5}<\frac{6}{13}$

2. Choose one false inequality above with a fraction or decimal and explain why it is false.
3. Choose one false inequality above with mathematical operations and explain why it's false.

Under each inequality below are four potential solutions. Circle all the two solutions that make each inequality true. Then write a description of ALL of the numbers that could be solutions to the inequality.


## 8. Record the meaning of inequality in My Word Bank.

## GRAPHING INEQUALITIES

Follow your teacher's directions.


## PRACTICE 6

1. Record the meaning of boundary point of a solution set in My Word Bank.

Fill in the table for each inequality below.

7. How many numbers exist that áre less than or equal to -2 ? $\qquad$
8. Why is -1 not a solution to the inequality $x \leq-2$ ? $\qquad$

Write an inequality for each situation below. Label and scale each graph appropriately.

| Situation | Inequality | Graph |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9. You must be at least 48 inches tall to ride the rollercoaster. | (let $h=$ height) |  |
| $10 .$ <br> To ride the rollercoaster, wait time is more than 16 minutes. | (let $t=$ time) | $\stackrel{\downarrow}{+}$ |

Write situations of your choice for the graphs below.


## EXPLORING INEQUALITIES

Complete the tables below. For the last column, write a new inequality that reflects the change in values after operating on the original inequality each time. Be sure that your new inequality is in fact a true statement.

3. In the table above, look closely at the last column and circle every result where the inequality changed direction compared to the original inequality.
4. Under what circumstances did the direction of the inequality symbol change?

## SOLVING INEQUALITIES

Follow your teacher's directions.


## PRACTICE 7

Rewrite each inequality below so that the variable is on the left side and graph it.

1. $-2 \geq x$
2. Circle all the inequalities below that are equivalent to $7>-2 x-1$
$-4>x$
$-4<x$
$-3>x$

For each inequality below, solve, check the boundary point and one other point, and graph.


## EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES WITH RATIONAL NUMBERS

We will solve equations and inequalities that include rational numbers. We will use equations and inequalities to solve problems.
[7.NS.3, 7.EE.1, 7.EE.4a, 7.EE.4b; SMP1, 3, 4, 6, 8]

## GETTING STARTED

For each verbal statement below, choose an appropriate symbolic representation from the given choices. Some choices may not be used at all, and some may be used more than once.

8. Why must the inequality $n>n$ always be false?
9. Why must the inequality $n+1>n$ always be true?

Describe a situation that could be represented by each graph.


## EQUATIONS WITH RATIONAL NUMBERS

Follow your teacher's directions.


## PRACTICE 8

Solve each equation below and check.

1. $-1.4=2.2-4(y-1.1)$
2. $4 p+1 \frac{1}{2}-6 p=-\frac{3}{4}$

Identify your variable(s), write an equation, solve the equation, and answer the question.
5. Hamish is making a large dinner for his family. He buys 6 pounds of lamb chops, and then spends another $\$ 11.70$ on potatoes and vegetables. The total comes to $\$ 61.20$. What is the price per pound of lamb chops?
6. A rectangle has a perimeter of 60 cm . Its width is one-third its length. What are its dimensions?

The solutions to problems 1-4 on Practice 8 are the boundary points for problems $1-8$ below. Use what you know about inequalities to write the solutions and match the them to their correct graphs.


## PRACTICE 9

## Solve each equation or inequality and graph it.



Solve each problem using algebra (an equation or inequality). Define variables, answer the question and check the solution(s).

| 5. Gerardo is a salesperson. He is paid |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 300$ per week plus $\$ 15$ per sale. This |
| week he wants his pay to be more than |
| $\$ 900$. How many sales does he have to |
| make this week? |$\quad$| 6.There are three numbers: an original <br> number, half of the original number, and <br> twice the original number. The sum of <br> these three numbers is -49. What are the <br> three numbers? |
| :--- |

For each problem below, write an inequality, solve it, and graph the solutions. Then explain each answer in the context of the problem.

1. lesha has $\$ 460$ in a checking account at the beginning of summer. She wants to leave at least $\$ 200$ in her account by the end of summer. She withdraws $\$ 25$ each week for her expenses. How many weeks can lesha withdraw this amount of money from this account?
2. A taxi service charges a $\$ 2.25$ flat rate in addition to $\$ 0.64$ per mile. lesha wants to spend no more than $\$ 10$ on a ride. How
many miles can lesha travel without exceeding her limit?

3. Iesha goes to the Fun Golf Arcade with her friends. They play golf, have lunch, and then play some video games. A round of golf is $\$ 6.20$. Lunch is $\$ 5.60$. Video games are $\$ 0.50$ each. If lesha wants to spend no more than $\$ 20.00$, how many video games can she


## REVIEW

## BIG SQUARE PUZZLE: EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES

Your teacher will give you a puzzle to assemble. Below is one of the equations in the puzzle. Explain or show two different ways to solve it.

$$
\frac{1}{4}(26-x)=5
$$

## WHY DOESN'T IT BELONG?: EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES

Solve and graph each of the algebraic sentences below. Choose one and explain why its solutions don't belong with the others. Then choose at least one more and explain why its solutions don't belong.


## OPEN MIDDLE PROBLEMS: EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES

Use exactly three of the digits 1 through 9 one time each.

1. Structure:

a. Write an equation and find its solution.
b. Write an equation so that it has the greatest possible solution.
2. Structure:
$\square$ $=$ $\square$
a. Write an equation and find its solution.
b. Write an equation so that it has the greatest possible solution.
c. Write an equation so that it has the least possible solution.

## POSTER PROBLEMS: EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES

Part 1: Your teacher will divide you into groups.

- Identify members of your group as $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}$, or D.
- Each group will start at a numbered poster. Our group start poster is $\qquad$ .
- Each group will have a different colored marker. Our group marker is $\qquad$ .

Part 2: Do the problems on the posters by following your teacher's directions.

| Poster 1 (or 5) |
| :--- |
| Poster 2 (or 6) |
| $\frac{1}{2}\left(v+\frac{1}{3}\right)-\frac{1}{4} v \geq-1$ |
| $1 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}(w-1)>2 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| $\frac{5}{3}<\frac{1}{5} x-2\left(x-\frac{1}{3}\right)$ |
| A. Copy the inequality and apply the distributive property (one step). |
| B. Collect like terms (one more step). |
| C. Solve for the values of the variable (two more steps). |
| D. Check the boundary point and at least one other point. Graph the solutions. |
| Part 3: |
| 1. Copy the problem from your start poster. |

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## Across

1 a value that makes an equation or inequality true

2 The point where two expressions in an inequality are equal to each other.
examples include $3 x-5,4, x^{2}$
an examples is $2 x>5+1$

## Down

1 replacement of a quantity with one that is equal to it

3 a statement asserting that two expressions are equal

4 find all the values of the variable that make it true

## SPIRAL REVIEW

1. Follow the math path to computational fluency.

2. Complete the table.

| Fraction | $\frac{3}{40}$ |  | $\frac{38}{25}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Decimal |  |  |  | 0.92 |  | 0.015 |
| Percent |  | $1 \%$ |  |  | $112.5 \%$ |  |

## SPIRAL REVIEW

Continued
3. Linus is choosing from two different restaurants, Patty On Burgers and Oh What a Burger. Linus created tables and graphs to show how much he would have to pay for different amounts of burgers. Unfortunately, water spilled on parts of his tables and the graph for Patty On Burger and some information was erased.

\left.| PATTY ON |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| BURGERS |  |$\right]$| \# of <br> burgers <br> $(x)$ | cost <br> $(\boldsymbol{y})$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4.50 |
| 2 |  |
| 3 |  |
| 4 | 18 |
| 5 |  |
| $x$ |  |


| OH WHAT A BURGER |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| \# of burgers (x) | cost <br> (y) |
| 0 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 3 |  |
| 4 |  |


b. Complete the graph with labels, title, and graph Patty On Burgers.
c. Do both graphs represent proportional relationships? Explain.

What is the unit rate for Patty On Burgers?
e. What is the unit rate for Oh What a Burger?
f. Which burger place is the better buy? Explain.

## REFLECTION

1. Big Ideas. Shade all circles that describe big ideas in this unit. Draw lines to show connections that you noticed.

2. Unit Progress. Go back to Monitor Your Progress on the cover and complete or update your responses. Explain something you understand better now than before.
3. Mathematical Practices. Which properties of equality hold for inequalities? Which do not? Give a counter example to prove a property that does not hold [SMP3, 7]. Then circle one more SMP on the back of this packet that you think was addressed in this unit and be prepared to share an example.

4. Making Connections. What strategies that you used for solving simple equations helped you when the equations became more complex?

## STUDENT RESOURCES

## Word or Phrase

## Definition

boundary point of a solution set

A boundary point of a solution set
on the number line contains both
interval, the boundary points of the

The boundary point for boundary point IS NOT IS (closed circle).


An equation is a mathematical

A mathematical expression is a symbols. When values are assi
t is a point for which any interval surrounding the point 1 solutions and non-solutions. If the solution set is an the solution set are the endpoints of the interval.

BOTH $x<-1$ AND $x \leq-1$ is $x=-1$. In the first case the part of the solution set (open circle). In the second case it


Some mathematical ex
An inequality is a mathematical values for the variables which, when substituted, make the inequality true.
statement that asserts the relative size or order of two involve variables, a solution to the inequality consists of
combination of numbers, variables, and operation ned to the variables, an expression represents a number.

$x+3>4$ is an inequality. All values for $x$ that are greater than 1 are solutions to this inequality.

| solution to an equation | A solution to an equation involving variables consists of values for the variables which, when substituted, make the equation true. <br> The value $x=8$ is a solution to the equation $10+x=18$. If we substitute 8 for $x$ in the equation, the equation becomes true: $10+8=18$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| so | solve an equation refers to finding all values for the variables in the equation that, en substituted, make the equation true. Values that make an equation true are called lutions to the equation. <br> To solve the equation $2 x=6$, one might think "two times what number is equal to 6 ?" Since $2(3)=6$, the only value for $x$ that satisfies this condition is 3 . Therefore 3 is the solution. |
|  | Substitution refers to replacing a value or quantity with an equivalent value or quantity. <br> If $x+y=10$, and $y=8$, then we may substitute this value for $y$ in the equation to get $x+8=10$. |

## Properties of Arithmetic

Properties of arithmetic govern the manipulation of expressions (mathematical phrases). For any three numbers $a, b$, and $c$ :
$\checkmark$ Associative property of addition $a+(b+c)=(a+b)+c$
$\checkmark$ Commutative property of addition $a+b=b+a$
$\checkmark$ Additive identity property (addition property of 0 ) $a+0=0+a=a$
$\checkmark$ Additive inverse property $a+(-a)=-a+a=0$
$\checkmark$ Associative property of multiplication $a \bullet(b \bullet c)=(a \bullet b) \bullet c$
$\checkmark$ Commutative property of multiplication $a \bullet b=b$ - a
$\checkmark$ Multiplicative identity property (multiplication property of 1 ) $a \bullet 1=1 \bullet a=a$
$\checkmark$ Multiplicative inverse property

lating addition and multiplication $a(b+c)=a b+a c$ and $(b+c) a=b a+c a$ for any three numbers $a, b$, and $c$.

## Properties of Equality

Properties of equality govern the manipulation of equations (mathematical sentences).
For any three numbers $a, b$, and $c$ :
$\checkmark$ Addition property of equality
(Subtraction property of equality)
If $a=b$ and $c=d$, then $a+c=b+d$.
$\checkmark$ Multiplication property of equality (Division property of equality)
If $a=b$ and $c=d$, then $a c=b d$
Reflexive property of equality: $a=a$
Symmetric property of equality:
If $a=b$, then $b=a$
Transitive property of equality:
If $a=b$, and $b=c$, then $a=c$

## Solving Equations Using a Substitution Strategy

Method 1: To solve an equation using substitution, apply your knowledge of arithmetic facts to find values that make the equation true.
Example 1: Solve $-3 x=15$.

- Think: What number times -3 is $15 ?$
- Since $-3(-5)=15, x=-5$.

Method 2: Use the "cover-up" method and proceed
Example 3: Solve $\frac{n+20}{3}$

- Cover up $n+20 \rightarrow \frac{9}{3}=8$

Example 2: Solve $12=20-k$.

- Think: $\mathbf{2 0}$ minus what equals $\mathbf{1 2 ?}$
- Since $20-8=12, k=8$.
- Think: What divided by $\mathbf{3}$ equals $\mathbf{8}$ ?
- Since $\frac{24}{3}=8$, you are covering up 24
- Think: What plus 20 equals $\mathbf{2 4 ?}$
- Since $4+20=24, n=4$


## Similar Phrases with Different Meanings

Sometimes it is useful to "translate" a string of words into symbols.

| String of Words | Example | Symbols | Classification |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| is less than | 4 is less than 10 | $4<10$ | inequality |
| less than | 4 less than 10 | $10-4$ | expression |
| is greater than | 7 is greater than $2+3$ | $7>2+3$ | inequality |
| greater than | 7 greater than $2+3$ | $(2+3)+7$ | expression |

"Is greater than" includes the word "is." Therefore, it behaves like a mathematical verb. This string of words is used to make a mathematical sentence (an inequality in this case).
"Greater than" is a string of words without a verb. It translates into an expression. In English, we connect phrases with yerbs to make sentences. The same is true in mathematics.

## Balance Scales and Laws of Equality

Balance scales are physical representations of equations because both sides of a balanced scale must have the same weight, and both sides of an equation must have the same value.

We imagine that each 1 represents one unit of weight and each $\angle$ ? represents an unknown weight (not equal to zero). To represent unknowns, a popular variable is $x$.

Start with a balanced scale like the one to the right, which represents the equation $2 x+2=2 x+2$.


Example 1: Add the same thing to both sides, like 1.

New scale: (still balanced)


New equation: $2 x+2+1=2 x+2+1$

$$
2 x+3=2 x+3
$$

In examples 1 and 2 the addition property of equality property extends to subtraction as well. (See example

Example 3: Multiply both sides by the same thing, like 2.

New scale:
(still balanced)


Example 2: Subtract the same thing from both sides, like $2 x$.

New scale: (still balanced)

New equation: $2 x+2-2 x=2 x+2-2 x$
s applied (see Properties of Equality). Note that this 2 above).

Example 4: Divide both sides by the same thing, like 2.

New scale:
(stil l-balanced)


New equation: $2(2 x+2)=2(2 x+2)$


New equation: $\begin{aligned} \frac{2 x+2}{2} & =\frac{2 x+2}{2} \\ x+1 & =x+1\end{aligned}$

$$
x+1=x+1
$$

In examples 3 and 4 the multiplication property of equality is applied (see Properties of Equality). Note that this property extends to division as well.

## Solving Equations Using a Model

Let + represent 1
Let - represent -1

Let $\mathbf{V}$ represent the unknown (like $x$ )
Let $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ represent the opposite of the unknown (like $-x$ )

As you solve equations, think:

- Can I simplify one or both sides? That is, focus on what can be done to each expression alone.
- What can I do to both sides? That is, focus on what can be done to the equation.

The following examples illustrate one solution path. Others paths are possible to arrive at the same solutions.

- Solve $-3=3(x+2$ ). Check (after solving): $3(-3)+6 \rightarrow-9+6 \rightarrow-3=-3$

| Picture | Equation | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - - - $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { V V V } \\ & + \text { + + } \\ & +++\end{aligned}\right.$ | $-3=3 x+6$ | build the equation <br> (think: 3 groups of $x+2$ ) and rewrite |
|  | $\begin{aligned} -3 & =3 x_{i}^{\prime}+6 \\ +(-6) & = \\ -9 & =3 x \end{aligned}$ | add -6 to both sides and remove zero pairs |
| $\begin{array}{lll} \hline--- & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{V} \\ --- & \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{V} \\ ---\quad \longleftrightarrow & \mathrm{V} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} \frac{-9}{3} & =\frac{3 x}{3} \\ -3 & =x \end{aligned}$ | divide both sides by 3 to put counters equally into cups |
| - Solve: $-2 x-5-x=4$ <br> Picture | after solving): $-2(-3)-5-(-3)$ <br> Equation | $\rightarrow 6-5+3 \rightarrow 1+3=-3+7 \rightarrow 4=4$ <br> Comments |
| $\begin{array}{c\|c} \Lambda \Lambda \Lambda & ++++ \end{array}$ | $-3 x-5=4$ | build the equation and rewrite (collect like terms) |
| $\begin{array}{c\|c} \wedge \wedge \Lambda & ++++ \\ +++++t & ++++ \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} -5 & =4 \\ +5 & =\frac{+5}{9} \\ -3 x & =9 \end{aligned}$ | add 5 to both sides and remove zero pairs |
| $\begin{array}{l\|l} \Lambda & +++ \\ \Lambda & +++ \\ \Lambda & +++ \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} (-1)(-3 x)=(-1)(9) \rightarrow 3 x=-9 \\ \frac{3 x}{3}=\frac{-9}{3} \\ x=-3 \end{gathered}$ | take the opposite of both sides (accomplished by multiplying both sides by -1 ), and then divide both sides by 3 |
| $\begin{array}{ll\|l} \mathbf{V} & \longleftrightarrow--- \\ \mathbf{V} & \longleftrightarrow & \rightarrow-- \\ \mathbf{V} & \leftrightarrow & --- \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} \frac{-3 x}{-3} & =\frac{9}{-3} \\ x & =-3 \end{aligned}$ | The above actions have the same effect as diving by -3 in a single step |

## Using Algebraic Techniques to Solve Equations

To solve equations using algebra:

- Use the properties of arithmetic to simplify each side of the equation (e.g., associative properties, commutative properties, inverse properties, distributive property).
- Use the properties of equality to isolate the variable (e.g., addition property of equality, multiplication property of equality).



## Graphing Inequalities

When graphing solutions to inequalities on the number line, we will use arrows to represent sets of solutions that extend indefinitely in one direction or the other. These arrows should not be confused with the arrows used to denote distance and direction above number ines h Units 3 and 4.

- Integers are graphed as closed circles.

Example:
$x=3$

- Solutions to inequalities that involve the statements "is less than" (<) and "is greater than" (>) are graphed with an open circle, indicating that the boundary number is not included in the solution set.

Example:

- Solutions to inequalities that involve the statements "is less than or equal to" ( $\leq$ ) and "is greater than or equal to" ( $\geq$ ) are graphed with a closed circle, indicating that the boundary number is included in the solution set.


Example:
$x \geq 3$

## Reversing the Direction of an Inequality

| When multiplying or dividing both sides of an ineq reverses. |  | lity by a negative number, the direction of the inequality |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Original inequality | Do to both sides | Resulting inequality | Direction reverses? |
| $10>-4$ | Add 2 | $12>-2$ | No |
|  | Subtract 2 | $8>-6$ | No |
|  | Multiply by 2 | $20>-8$ | No |
|  | Divide by 2 | $5>-2$ | No |
| $-10<4$ | Add -2 | $-12<2$ | No |
|  | Subtract -2 | $-8<6$ | No |
|  | Multiply by -2 | $20>-8$ | Ye |
|  | Divide by -2 | $5>-2$ | Yes |

The direction of an inequality reverses ONLY when multiplying or dividing both sides of an inequality by a negative number.

Note that it does not matter if there are negative numbers in the original inequality or not.

## Solving Inequalities in One Variable

When solving a linear inequality, treat the inequality as if it were an equation. When multiplying or dividing both sides of the inequality by a negative number, reverse the direction of the inequality.


| Example 2 | Comments |
| :---: | :---: |
| $2 x-9 \leq-13$ | (Addition) <br> Do not reverse the <br> inequality. |
| $+9+9$ | (Division by a <br> positive number) |
| $2 x \leq-4$ | Do not reverse the <br> inequality symbol. |
| $\frac{2 x}{2} \leq \frac{-4}{2}$ | Solutions |
| $x \leq-2$ |  |

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[^0]:    Error alert.
    The inequality does not always reverse when solving an inequality that includes negatives. Example 2 illustrates this.

