

Linear Equations

Answer key

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14 problems

1. Solve for x :

$$3x + 4 = 19$$

Answer $x = 5$ Subtract 4: $3x = 15$. Divide by 3: $x = 5$.

2. Solve for x :

$$5x - 7 = 2x + 8$$

Answer $x = 5$ Subtract $2x$: $3x - 7 = 8$. Add 7: $3x = 15$, so $x = 5$.

3. Solve for x :

$$7x + 2 = 4x + 17$$

Answer $x = 5$ Subtract $4x$: $3x + 2 = 17$. Subtract 2: $3x = 15$, so $x = 5$.

4. Solve for n :

$$8n - 3 = 5n + 12$$

Answer $n = 5$ Subtract $5n$: $3n - 3 = 12$. Add 3: $3n = 15$, so $n = 5$.

5. Solve for x :

$$2(x + 4) = 3x - 1$$

Answer $x = 9$ Distribute: $2x + 8 = 3x - 1$. Subtract $2x$: $8 = x - 1$, so $x = 9$.

6. Solve for y :

$$4(2y - 1) = 6y + 10$$

Answer $y = 7$ Distribute: $8y - 4 = 6y + 10$. Subtract $6y$: $2y - 4 = 10$, so $2y = 14$ and $y = 7$.

7. Solve for x :

$$6x + 5 = 6x + 5$$

Answer Infinitely many solutionsBoth sides are identical, so the equation is true for every value of x : infinitely many solutions.

8. Solve for x :

$$4x + 9 = 4x - 3$$

Answer No solution

Subtract $4x$: $9 = -3$, which is false. The equation has no solution.

9. Solve for x :

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

Answer No solution

Distribute: $3x - 6 = 3x + 5$. Subtract $3x$: $-6 = 5$, which is false. No solution.

10. Solve for x :

$$2(3x + 1) = 6x + 2$$

Answer Infinitely many solutions

Distribute: $6x + 2 = 6x + 2$. The sides are identical, so it is true for all x : infinitely many solutions.

11. Solve for x :

$$\frac{1}{2}x + 3 = \frac{1}{4}x + 7$$

Answer $x = 16$

Subtract $\frac{1}{4}x$: $\frac{1}{4}x + 3 = 7$. Subtract 3: $\frac{1}{4}x = 4$, so $x = 16$.

12. How many solutions does the equation $5x - 2 = 5(x - 1) + 3$ have?

Answer D) Infinitely many solutions

Right side: $5x - 5 + 3 = 5x - 2$. Both sides equal $5x - 2$, so it is true for all x .

13. Two phone plans cost the same per month. Plan A charges \$20 plus \$5 per gigabyte. Plan B charges \$35 plus \$2 per gigabyte. For how many gigabytes g do the plans cost the same?

Answer $g = 5$ gigabytes

Set costs equal: $20 + 5g = 35 + 2g$. Subtract $2g$: $20 + 3g = 35$, so $3g = 15$ and $g = 5$.

14. Maya and Leo start with different amounts and save weekly. Maya has \$50 and saves \$8 per week. Leo has \$74 and saves \$5 per week. After how many weeks w will they have the same amount?

Answer $w = 8$ weeks

Set amounts equal: $50 + 8w = 74 + 5w$. Subtract $5w$: $50 + 3w = 74$, so $3w = 24$ and $w = 8$.