

**Essential Question:** How can we use the properties of equality to solve equations?

**Do Now:** Compare and Contrast A and B.

A.  $2x - 5 + 3x$

B.  $2x - 5 + 3x = 25$

Compare	Contrast

### Solving Equations

The **properties of equality** justify the series of **inverse operations** that are performed in order to solve an equation.

Addition Property of Equality	If $a = b$ , then $a + c = b + c$
Subtraction Property of Equality	If $a = b$ , then $a - c = b - c$
Multiplication Property of Equality	If $a = b$ , then $ac = bc$
Division Property of Equality	If $a = b$ , then $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$ , $c \neq 0$

**Examples:**

Equation	Justification	Check
$x + 9 = 17$		
$x - 10 = 50$		

Equation	Justification	Check
$4x = 68$		
$\frac{x}{-3} = 2$		

**More Examples:**

1.  $-y = 8$

2.  $\frac{3}{4}x = 18$

3.  $-5x - 4 = 16$

4.  $2(3x - 5) = -4$

5.  $\frac{1}{2}m + 4 - \frac{5}{2}m = -3$

6.  $5x - 3(x - 1) = -15$

# THINK ABOUT THIS....

The equation,  $7(x - 9) = -42$  is solved in two different ways. Examine each method below.

1 <sup>st</sup> Method	2 <sup>nd</sup> Method
$7(x - 9) = -42$	$\frac{7(x - 9)}{7} = \frac{-42}{7}$
$7x - 63 = -42$	$x - 9 = -6$
$+ 63 \quad +63$	$+9 \quad +9$
$\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{21}{7}$	$x = 3$
$x = 3$	

What steps were taken in each method? Does performing the steps in a different order affect the solution?

Looking at the second method used to solve the equation, how might this method help you solve the equation below?

$$\frac{3}{7}(5x - 2) = 12$$



## TODAY'S TAKE AWAY...

We use \_\_\_\_\_ to solve equations. The solution set to an equation is the value(s) of the variable that makes the equation a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.

Find the value of  $x$  that makes each equation true. Check your solution using your calculator.

1.  $3x - 2 = 14$

2.  $3(x - 9) = 30$

3.  $8 = 2 + 3(x - 1)$

4.  $\frac{1}{2}(4x - 6) - 16 = 0$

5. Without using the distributive property, solve the equation below.  
*Helpful Hint:* Think about the multiplication property of equality.

$$\frac{7}{3}\left(x + 2\frac{4}{5}\right) = 21$$