

# Solving one-step equations using addition and subtraction

example.

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 6 = 12 \\ -6 \quad -6 \end{array}$$

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$x = 6$

use inverse operations

- ① the goal is to isolate the variable.
- ② get 'rid' of the number beside the variable using Inverse (opposite) operations
- ③ Do the same on both sides of the equation

apply the same process for subtraction: -

example.

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 = 15 \\ +3 \quad +3 \end{array}$$

$x = 18$

- remember to begin solving on the side with the variable.

example

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ +10 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} x - 10 \\ +10 \end{array}$$

$42 = x$  or  $x = 42$

example

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ -5 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 5 + x \\ -5 \end{array}$$

$35 = x$  or  $x = 35$

example.

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 + x \\ -15 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 30 \\ -15 \end{array}$$

$x = 15$