

EXERCISE 4.2

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1. Give first the step you will use to separate the variable and then solve the equation.

(a) $x - 1 = 0$

Solution:

We have to add 1 to both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= x - 1 + 1 = 0 + 1$$

$$= x = 1$$

(b) $x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

We have to subtract 1 from both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= x + 1 - 1 = 0 - 1$$

$$= x = -1$$

(c) $x - 1 = 5$

Solution:

We have to add 1 to both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= x - 1 + 1 = 5 + 1$$

$$= x = 6$$

(d) $x + 6 = 2$

Solution:

We have to subtract 6 from both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= x + 6 - 6 = 2 - 6$$

$$= x = -4$$

(e) $y - 4 = -7$

Solution:

We have to add 4 to both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= y - 4 + 4 = -7 + 4$$

$$= y = -3$$

(f) $y - 4 = 4$

Solution:

We have to add 4 to both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= y - 4 + 4 = 4 + 4$$

$$= y = 8$$

(g) $y + 4 = 4$

Solution:

We have to subtract 4 from both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= y + 4 - 4 = 4 - 4$$

$$= y = 0$$

(h) $y + 4 = -4$

Solution:

We have to subtract 4 from both sides of the given equation.

Then, we get

$$= y + 4 - 4 = -4 - 4$$

$$= y = -8$$

2. Give first the step you will use to separate the variable and then solve the equation.

(a) $3l = 42$

Solution:

Now, we have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3l/3 = 42/3$$

$$= l = 14$$

(b) $b/2 = 6$

Solution:

Now, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 2.

Then, we get

$$= b/2 \times 2 = 6 \times 2$$

$$= b = 12$$

(c) $p/7 = 4$

Solution:

Now, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 7.

Then, we get

$$= p/7 \times 7 = 4 \times 7$$

$$= p = 28$$

(d) $4x = 25$

Solution:

Now, we have to divide both sides of the equation by 4

Then, we get

$$= 4x/4 = 25/4$$

$$= x = 25/4$$

(e) $8y = 36$

Solution:

Now, we have to divide both sides of the equation by 8.

Then, we get

$$= 8y/8 = 36/8$$

$$= x = 9/2$$

(f) $(z/3) = (5/4)$

Solution:

Now, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= (z/3) \times 3 = (5/4) \times 3$$

$$= x = 15/4$$

(g) $(a/5) = (7/15)$

Solution:

Now, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 5.

Then, we get

$$= (a/5) \times 5 = (7/15) \times 5$$

$$= a = 7/3$$

(h) $20t = -10$

Solution:

Now, we have to divide both sides of the equation by 20.

Then, we get

$$= 20t/20 = -10/20$$

$$= x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

3. Give the steps you will use to separate the variable and then solve the equation.

(a) $3n - 2 = 46$

Solution:

First, we have to add 2 to both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 3n - 2 + 2 = 46 + 2$$

$$= 3n = 48$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3n/3 = 48/3$$

$$= n = 16$$

(b) $5m + 7 = 17$

Solution:

First, we have to subtract 7 from both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 5m + 7 - 7 = 17 - 7$$

$$= 5m = 10$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 5.

Then, we get

$$= 5m/5 = 10/5$$

$$= m = 2$$

(c) $20p/3 = 40$

Solution:

First, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= (20p/3) \times 3 = 40 \times 3$$

$$= 20p = 120$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 20.

Then, we get

$$= 20p/20 = 120/20$$

$$= p = 6$$

(d) $3p/10 = 6$

Solution:

First, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 10.

Then, we get

$$= (3p/10) \times 10 = 6 \times 10$$

$$= 3p = 60$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3p/3 = 60/3$$

$$= p = 20$$

4. Solve the following equations.

(a) $10p = 100$

Solution:

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 10.

Then, we get

$$= 10p/10 = 100/10$$

$$= p = 10$$

(b) $10p + 10 = 100$

Solution:

First, we have to subtract 10 from both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 10p + 10 - 10 = 100 - 10$$

$$= 10p = 90$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 10.

Then, we get

$$= 10p/10 = 90/10$$

$$= p = 9$$

(c) $p/4 = 5$

Solution:

Now,

We have to multiply both sides of the equation by 4.

Then, we get

$$= p/4 \times 4 = 5 \times 4$$

$$= p = 20$$

(d) $-p/3 = 5$

Solution:

Now,

We have to multiply both sides of the equation by -3 .

Then, we get

$$= -p/3 \times (-3) = 5 \times (-3)$$

$$= p = -15$$

(e) $3p/4 = 6$

Solution:

First, we have to multiply both sides of the equation by 4.

Then, we get

$$= (3p/4) \times (4) = 6 \times 4$$

$$= 3p = 24$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3p/3 = 24/3$$

$$= p = 8$$

(f) $3s = -9$

Solution:

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3s/3 = -9/3$$

$$= s = -3$$

(g) $3s + 12 = 0$

Solution:

First, we have to subtract 12 from both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 3s + 12 - 12 = 0 - 12$$

$$= 3s = -12$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3s/3 = -12/3$$

$$= s = -4$$

(h) $3s = 0$

Solution:

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 3.

Then, we get

$$= 3s/3 = 0/3$$

$$= s = 0$$

(i) $2q = 6$

Solution:

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 2.

Then, we get

$$= 2q/2 = 6/2$$

$$= q = 3$$

(j) $2q - 6 = 0$

Solution:

First, we have to add 6 to both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 2q - 6 + 6 = 0 + 6$$

$$= 2q = 6$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 2.

Then, we get

$$= 2q/2 = 6/2$$

$$= q = 3$$

(k) $2q + 6 = 0$

Solution:

First, we have to subtract 6 from both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 2q + 6 - 6 = 0 - 6$$

$$= 2q = -6$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 2.

Then, we get

$$= 2q/2 = -6/2$$

$$= q = -3$$

(I) $2q + 6 = 12$

Solution:

First, we have to subtract 6 from both sides of the equation.

Then, we get

$$= 2q + 6 - 6 = 12 - 6$$

$$= 2q = 6$$

Now,

We have to divide both sides of the equation by 2.

Then, we get

$$= 2q/2 = 6/2$$

$$= q = 3$$