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Solving Equations for a Variable

The goal of solving an equation is to $\qquad$ .

Order of Operations


## Multi-Step Equations

1. If necessary, simplify the expressions on each side of the equation, including combining like terms.
2. Get all variable terms on one side and all numbers on the other side
3. Isolate the variable term using the inverse operations.
4. Check your solution by substituting the value of the variable in the original equation.
$6(x+3)-(x+4)=-11 \quad 10=\frac{y}{3}+6$

Proportions

| 1: Applying cross multiplication | $\frac{n-6}{3}=\frac{n-2}{9}$ | $\frac{10}{2 x+4}=\frac{4}{x+5}$ |
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| 2: Make an equation |  |  |
| 3: Solve for variable using inverse |  |  |
| operations |  |  |$\quad$|  |
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## Literal Equations

Step 1: Read the problem to find out
Step 2: Isolate that variable using the steps.

| Solve for x : $6=m x+b$ | Solve for a: $2(a-c)=4 a$ |
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| Solve for I: $P=2 l+2 w$ | Solve for t : $A=P+P r t$ |

