

Basic Solving Practice #1

1. $x - 2 = 3$

2. $15x = -4$

3. $x + 3 = 1$

4. $x + 6 = -3$

5. $6x = 3$

6. $x + 11 = 8$

7. $9x = 12$

8. $x - 7 = -1$

9. $\frac{x}{10} = 10$

10. $x + 7 = -2$

11. $2x + 6 = 5$

12. $3x - 10 = 7$

13. $5x - 8 = 11$

14. $9x + 5 = 10$

15. $11 = 8x - 5$

16. $11x - 6 = -17$

17. $4x - 2 = -11$

18. $5 - 9x = 9$

19. $3x + 10 = 2$

20. $6 = 8x - 3$

Answers: Basic Solving Practice #1

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| 1. | $x - 2 = 3$ | $x - 2 + 2 = 3 + 2$ | $x = 5$ | | |
| 2. | $15x = -4$ | $15x \div 15 = -4 \div 15$ | $x = -0.267$ or $\frac{-4}{15}$ | | |
| 3. | $x + 3 = 1$ | $x + 3 - 3 = 1 - 3$ | $x = -2$ | | |
| 4. | $x + 6 = -3$ | $x + 6 - 6 = -3 - 6$ | $x = -9$ | | |
| 5. | $6x = 3$ | $6x \div 6 = 3 \div 6$ | $x = 0.5$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | | |
| 6. | $x + 11 = 8$ | $x + 11 - 11 = 8 - 11$ | $x = -3$ | | |
| 7. | $9x = 12$ | $9x \div 9 = 12 \div 9$ | $x = 1.333$ or $\frac{4}{3}$ | | |
| 8. | $x - 7 = -1$ | $x - 7 + 7 = -1 + 7$ | $x = 6$ | | |
| 9. | $\frac{x}{10} = 10$ | $\frac{x}{10} \times 10 = 10 \times 10$ | $x = 100$ | | |
| 10. | $x + 7 = -2$ | $x + 7 - 7 = -2 - 7$ | $x = -9$ | | |
| 11. | $2x + 6 = 5$ | $2x + \cancel{6} - \cancel{6} = 5 - 6$ | $2x = -1$ | $x = -0.5$ | $= -\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12. | $3x - 10 = 7$ | $3x - \cancel{10} + \cancel{10} = 7 + 10$ | $3x = 17$ | $x = 5.667$ | $= \frac{17}{3}$ |
| 13. | $5x - 8 = 11$ | $5x - \cancel{8} + \cancel{8} = 11 + 8$ | $5x = 19$ | $x = 3.8$ | $= \frac{19}{5}$ |
| 14. | $9x + 5 = 10$ | $9x + \cancel{5} - \cancel{5} = 10 - 5$ | $9x = 5$ | $x = 0.556$ | $= \frac{5}{9}$ |
| 15. | $11 = 8x - 5$ | $11 + 5 = 8x - \cancel{5} + \cancel{5}$ | $16 = 8x$ | $x = 2$ | |
| 16. | $11x - 6 = -17$ | $11x - \cancel{6} + \cancel{6} = -17 + 6$ | $11x = -11$ | $x = -1$ | |
| 17. | $4x - 2 = -11$ | $4x - \cancel{2} + \cancel{2} = -11 + 2$ | $4x = -9$ | $x = -2.25$ | $= -\frac{9}{4}$ |
| 18. | $5 - 9x = 9$ | $\cancel{5} - \cancel{5} - 9x = 9 - 5$ | $-9x = 4$ | $x = -0.444$ | $= -\frac{4}{9}$ |
| 19. | $3x + 10 = 2$ | $3x + \cancel{10} - \cancel{10} = 2 - 10$ | $3x = -8$ | $x = -2.667$ | $= -\frac{8}{3}$ |
| 20. | $6 = 8x - 3$ | $6 + 3 = 8x - \cancel{3} + \cancel{3}$ | $9 = 8x$ | $x = 1.125$ | $= \frac{9}{8}$ |

It is preferable to leave answers in improper fraction form, provided it is simplified and any negative sign is on the numerator. Decimal form is not better, although still acceptable.