

Solving Addition and Subtraction Equations

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You can add or subtract the same number on each side of an equation and the result is an **equivalent equation**. Equivalent equations have the same solution.

Addition Property of Equality	If you add the same number to each side of an equation, the two sides remain equal. For any numbers a , b , and c , if $a = b$, then $a + c = b + c$.
Subtraction Property of Equality	If you subtract the same number from each side of an equation, the two sides remain equal. For any numbers a , b , and c , if $a = b$, then $a - c = b - c$.

EXAMPLES

A Solve $x - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$.

$$x - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{Add } \frac{2}{3} \text{ to each side.}$$

$$x = 1 \quad -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0, \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1$$

B Solve $9 + y = 13$.

$$9 + y = 13$$

$$9 + y - 9 = 13 - 9 \quad \text{Subtract 9 from each side.}$$

$$y = 4 \quad 9 - 9 = 0, 13 - 9 = 4$$

Try These Together

1. Solve $a + (-8) = 17$.

HINT: Add 8 to each side.

2. Solve $b - (-18) = 4$.

HINT: This equation is equivalent to $b + 18 = 4$.

PRACTICE

Solve each equation. Check your solution.

3. $11 - c = -16$

4. $5.4 = d + 6.2$

5. $e - (-23) = 31$

6. $4.8 + f = 9.6$

7. $g - (-20) = 11$

8. $14 = h - 21$

9. $-2.8 = j + (-5.1)$

10. $-12 + k = -19$

11. $m + (-8) = \frac{1}{2}$

12. **Age** Minya is 30 years younger than her mom, who is 44. How old is Minya?



13. **Standardized Test Practice** If the low temperature for the day is -14°F and the high is 22°F , by how much did the temperature increase?

A 8°F

B 18°F

C 28°F

D 36°F

Answers: 1. 25 2. -14 3. 27 4. -0.8 5. 8 6. 4.8 7. -9 8. 35 9. 2.3 10. -7 11. $8\frac{1}{2}$ 12. 14 13. D