

## Solving Linear Equations

## Steps to follow...

1. Simplifying the left and right side of the equation as two separate expressions.
2. Move the variables to the same side of the equal sign, using opposite operations.  
Suggestion: move the variable with the smaller coefficient
3. Move all numbers away from the variable.
  - a. Take care of addition and subtraction first
  - b. Take care of multiplication and division second

## Opposite Operations

1. Addition  $\leftrightarrow$  Subtraction
2. Multiplication  $\leftrightarrow$  Division

## Remember:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\leftrightarrow 1x \\ -x &\leftrightarrow -1x\end{aligned}$$

## Solve each Equation

1.  $2(n + 5) + 3n = 7n - 18$

2.  $5(-3 - 2x) - 8(6 + 3x) = -10x + 3x$

3.  $-3(x - 7) = 4(2x - 5) - 3$

4.  $4 - x = \frac{26 - 7x}{5}$

5.  $7.5(3.4 - 6.1b) = -3.7b - 37.575$

6. Find the mistake that was made when solving the equation. Explain why the work shown is incorrect. Solve the problem for the correct answer.

$$-96 = 3(12 - 2x)$$

$$-96 = 36 - 6x$$

$$-60 = -6x$$

$$10 = x$$