

Equations with Variables on ^{10/27} BOTH Sides

Before:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x + 9 = 18 \\
 -9 \quad -9 \\
 \hline
 3x = 9 \\
 \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{9}{3} \quad \boxed{x=3}
 \end{array}$$

Now:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x + 18 = 9x \\
 -3x \quad -3x \\
 \hline
 18 = 6x \\
 \frac{18}{6} = \frac{6x}{6} \quad \boxed{x=3}
 \end{array}$$

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Practice

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{1} \quad 2a + 5 = -8a \\
 -2a \quad -2a \\
 \hline
 5 = -10a \\
 \frac{5}{-10} = \frac{-10a}{-10}
 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -0.5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{2} \quad 4a + 12 = 8a \\
 +8a \quad +8a \\
 \hline
 12a = 12 \\
 \frac{12a}{12} = \frac{12}{12} \\
 \boxed{a=1}
 \end{array}$$

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What if...

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x + 2 = 4x - 4 \\
 \underline{-2x \quad -2x} \\
 2 = 2x - 4 \\
 \underline{+4 \quad +4} \\
 6 = 2x \\
 \frac{6}{2} = \frac{2x}{2} \\
 \boxed{x = 3}
 \end{array}$$

Steps

① Move the Variable term

② Solve the 2-Step Equation

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 9x + 7 = 3x - 5 \\
 \underline{-3x \quad -3x} \\
 6x + 7 = -5 \\
 \underline{-7 \quad -7} \\
 6x = -12 \\
 \frac{6x}{6} = \frac{-12}{6} \\
 \boxed{x = -2}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9x + 7 = 3x - 5 \\
 \underline{-9x \quad -9x} \\
 7 = -6x - 5 \\
 \underline{+5 \quad +5} \\
 12 = -6x \\
 \frac{12}{-6} = \frac{-6x}{-6} \\
 \boxed{x = -2}
 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3 - 4x = 18 + x \\ +4x \quad +4x \\ \hline 3 = 18 + 5x \\ -18 \quad -18 \\ \hline -15 = 5x \\ \frac{-15}{5} = \frac{5x}{5} \\ x = -3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 4 = 5x + 8 \\ -2x \quad -2x \\ \hline -4 = 3x + 8 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ \hline -12 = 3x \\ \frac{-12}{3} = \frac{3x}{3} \\ x = -4 \end{array}$$

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