


Chapter 2 Equations in One Variable

Lesson 2-2 Solve Two-Step Equations

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 Solve $15 - \frac{w}{4} = 28$. Check your solution.

$$15 - \frac{w}{4} = 28 \quad \text{Write the equation.}$$

$$15 + \left(-\frac{w}{4}\right) = 28 \quad \text{Rewrite the left side as addition.}$$

$$\underline{-15} \quad \quad \quad = -15 \quad \text{Subtraction Property of Equality}$$

$$-\frac{w}{4} = 13 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$(-4) \left(-\frac{w}{4}\right) = 13(-4) \quad \text{Multiplication Property of Equality}$$

$$w = -52 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$


Check the solution by replacing w with -52 .

$$15 - \frac{w}{4} = 28 \quad \text{Write the equation.}$$

$$15 - \frac{-52}{4} = 28 \quad \text{Replace } w \text{ with } -52.$$

$$15 - (-13) = 28 \quad \text{Divide.}$$

$$28 = 28 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{The sentence is true.}$$

 Larina received a \$50 gift card to an online store. She wants to purchase some bracelets that cost \$8 each. There will be an \$10 overnight delivery fee. Solve $8n + 10 = 50$ to find the number of bracelets she can purchase.

$$8n + 10 = 50 \quad \text{Write the equation.}$$

$$8n + 10 - 10 = 50 - 10 \quad \text{Subtraction Property of Equality}$$

$$8n = 40 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$\frac{8n}{8} = \frac{40}{8} \quad \text{Division Property of Equality}$$

$$n = 5 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

So, Larina can purchase 5 bracelets.