

Algebra 1 Semester 1

Lesson: April 6th

Learning Target:

Students will solve LITERAL equations.

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Solve each equation for x:

Do-Now

$$3x + 6 = 4(x - 2) + 11$$

$$2(x + 3) - 6 = 5x + 1$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(x - 6) + 1 = 5$$

$$-\frac{3}{2}(x + 4) - 3 = 7$$

BELL WORK 04/06 → ANSWER KEY

Solve each equation for x:

Do-Now

$$3x + 6 = 4(x - 2) + 11$$

$$x = 3$$

$$2(x + 3) - 6 = 5x + 1$$

$$x = -1/3$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(x - 6) + 1 = 5$$

$$x = 12$$

$$-\frac{3}{2}(x + 4) - 3 = 7$$

$$x = -32/3$$

Definition

Literal Equation – an equation with two or more variables.

You can "rewrite" a literal equation to isolate any one of the variables using inverse operations. This is called *solving for a variable*.

Solving for a Variable

Step 1 Locate the variable you are asked to solve for in the equation.

Step 2 Identify the operations on this variable and the order in which they are applied.

Step 3 Use inverse operations to undo operations and isolate the variable.

D	U
$\cdot 2$	$+4y$
$-4y$	$\div 2$

1) Solve $2x - 4y = 7$ for x

1. Draw "the river"
2. Add $4y$ to both sides
3. Simplify
4. Divide both sides by 2
5. Does it simplify?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 + 4y \quad + 4y \\
 \hline
 2x \quad = \quad 7 + 4y \\
 \hline
 2 \qquad \qquad 2 \\
 \\
 x = \frac{7 + 4y}{2}
 \end{array}$$

This fraction cannot be simplified because both terms in the numerator are not divisible by 2 .

D	U
$\cdot -4$	$-2x$
$+2x$	$\div -4$

2) Solve $2x - 4y = 7$ for y

1. Draw "the river"
2. Subtract $2x$ from both sides
3. Simplify
4. Divide both sides by -4
5. Does it simplify? Nope!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x - 4y = 7 \\
 \underline{-2x} \qquad \qquad \underline{-2x} \\
 -4y = 7 - 2x \\
 \underline{-4} \qquad \qquad \underline{-4} \\
 y = \frac{7 - 2x}{-4}
 \end{array}$$

3) The formula for the volume of a rectangular prism is $V = LWH$. Which equation solves the formula for L ?

1. $L = V - WH$

2. $L = \frac{VH}{W}$

3. $L = \frac{VW}{H}$

✓ 4. $L = \frac{V}{HW}$

4) The formula for the volume of a pyramid is $V = \frac{1}{3}bh$. Which equation solves the formula for h ?

1. $h = 3Vb$

2. $h = \frac{3b}{V}$

✓ 3. $h = \frac{3V}{b}$

4. $h = \frac{V}{3b}$

Practice 1 - On a sheet of paper, solve for the indicated variable.

i. $P = \frac{F}{A}$ solve for A

ii. $2x + 3y = 6$ solve for y

iii. $V = \frac{1}{3}lwh$ solve for l

iv. $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ solve for b

v. $P = 2l + 2w$ solve for l

vi. $V = lwh$ solve for w

vii. $P = 2l + 2w$ solve for w

viii. $S = L + 2B$ solve for B

Practice 1 - On a sheet of paper, solve for the indicated variable.

Answer Key

i. $A = \frac{F}{P}$

ii. $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$

iii. $l = \frac{3V}{wh}$

iv. $b = \frac{2A}{h}$

v. $l = \frac{P}{2} - w$

vi. $w = \frac{V}{lh}$

vii. $w = \frac{P}{2} - l$

viii. $B = \frac{S-L}{2}$

Practice 2

Solve literal equations - 12 questions. Enter your first name or initials when prompted. On the login screen click “Skip for Now” as you do not need to log in to complete the practice.

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