

Writing and Solving One-Variable Equations

Write an equation to represent each relationship. Then solve the equation.

1. Four times a number minus 5 is the same as twice the number plus 3.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 4x - 5 & = & 2x + 3 \\
 +5 & & +5 \\
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 4x & = & 2x + 8 \\
 -2x & & -2x \\
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 2x & = & 8 \\
 \frac{2x}{2} & = & \frac{8}{2} \\
 \boxed{x = 4}
 \end{array}$$

2. Seven minus 2 times a number is the same as the number minus 2.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 7 - 2x & = & x - 2 \\
 +2 & & +2 \\
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 9 - 2x & = & x \\
 +2x & & +2x \\
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 9 & = & 3x \\
 \frac{9}{3} & = & \frac{3x}{3} \\
 \boxed{3 = x}
 \end{array}$$

3. Ten less than 3 times a number is the same as the number plus 4.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3x - 10 & = & x + 4 \\
 +10 & & +10 \\
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 3x & = & x + 14 \\
 -x & & -x \\
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 2x & = & 14 \\
 \frac{2x}{2} & = & \frac{14}{2} \\
 \boxed{x = 7}
 \end{array}$$

4. Six times a number plus 4 is the same as the number minus 11.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 6x + 4 & = & x - 11 \\
 +11 & & +11 \\
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 6x + 15 & = & x \\
 -6x & & -6x \\
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 15 & = & -5x \\
 \frac{15}{-5} & = & \frac{-5x}{-5} \\
 \boxed{-3 = x}
 \end{array}$$

5. Twelve decreased by twice a number is the same as 8 times the sum of the number plus 4. What is the number?

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 12 - 2x & = & 8(x + 4) \\
 12 - 2x & = & 8x + 32 \\
 -12 & & -12 \\
 \hline
 -2x & = & 8x + 20 \\
 -8x & & -8x \\
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 -10x & = & 20 \\
 \frac{-10x}{-10} & = & \frac{20}{-10} \\
 \boxed{x = -2}
 \end{array}$$

6. Three added to 8 times a number is the same as 3 times the value of 2 times the number minus 1. What is the number?

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3 + 8x & = & 3(2x - 1) \\
 3 + 8x & = & 6x - 3 \\
 +3 & & +3 \\
 \hline
 6 + 8x & = & 6x \\
 -8x & & -8x \\
 \hline
 6 & = & -2x \\
 \frac{6}{-2} & = & \frac{-2x}{-2} \\
 \boxed{-3 = x}
 \end{array}$$