

## Multi-step equations

### Check list

**Step 1** Parenthesis (combine anything you can)

**Step 2** Distribute (multiply # on outside by both inside parenthesis)

**Step 3** Combine like terms on each side of the equal sign

**Step 4** Get variables on one side (try getting rid of the smaller one)

**Step 5** Get remaining variable alone (2 step equation)

“Fill in the blanks by showing work.

Use / for divide, + to add, - to divide, and x to multiply. No spaces.”

Example:  $3x - 10 = 38$

$$+10 = +10$$

$$3x = 48$$

$$/3 = /3$$

$$x = 16$$

Example:  $2(x - 4) = 8x + 16$

$$2x - 8 = 8x + 16$$

$$-2x = -2x$$

$$-8 = 6x + 16$$

$$-16 = -16$$

$$-24 = 6x$$

$$/6 = /6$$

$$-4 = x$$

1.  $3 + 2k = 35$

$$= -3$$

$$= 32$$

$$= /2$$

$$k =$$

2.  $11 = -5 - 2v$

$$=$$

$$= -2v$$

$$=$$

$$= v$$

3.  $3 = \frac{r}{2} - 7$

$$=$$

$$= \frac{r}{2}$$

$$=$$

$$= r$$

4.  $-7 = -8 + \frac{b}{4}$

$$=$$

$$= \frac{b}{4}$$

$$=$$

$$= b$$

$$5. 91 = 7(n + 7)$$

$$= +$$

$$-49 =$$

$$=$$

$$=$$

$$= n$$

$$6. 3(1 - 5x) - 8 = 85$$

$$- x - 8 =$$

$$-15x = 85$$

$$=$$

$$= 90$$

$$=$$

$$x =$$

$$7. x + 8 = 16 + 2x$$

$$8. 4 + 5m = -10 - 2m$$

$$=$$

$$=$$

$$= 16 +$$

$$+ 7m =$$

$$=$$

$$=$$

$$= x$$

$$= -14$$

$$=$$

$$=$$

$$m =$$

Click which step has mistake?

$$9. 4 + 3(x - 3) = 2x - 9$$

$$10. -26 + 2a = -(2 - 4a)$$

$$\text{Step 1 } 4 + 3x - 9 = 2x - 9$$

$$\text{Step 1 } -26 + 2a = -2 + 4a$$

$$\text{Step 2 } 3x - 5 = 2x - 9$$

$$\text{Step 2 } -26 = -2 + 6a$$

$$\text{Step 3 } x - 5 = -9$$

$$\text{Step 3 } -24 = 6a$$

$$\text{Step 4 } x = -14$$

$$\text{Step 4 } -4 = a$$

What should  $x = ?$  \_\_\_\_\_

What should  $a = ?$  \_\_\_\_\_