## Solving One-Step Equations

- 1) Your goal is to get the variable x alone. Isolate the variable on one side.
- 2) Always perform the same operation to both sides of an equation.
- 3) To undo an operation, perform its opposite operation to both sides of an equation.
- 4) Opposite operations are the same as inverse operations.
- 5) Solve for x.
- 6) Check your answer by substituting it back into the original equation.
- 7) Finish your check to make sure you did it right.

1) 
$$x+4=23$$

2) 
$$30 = 6x$$

3) 
$$3x = 21$$

4) 
$$x-12=21$$

5) 
$$\frac{x}{5} = 7$$

6) 
$$4x = 28$$

7) 
$$21 = x + 5$$

8) 
$$-2 = -5 + x$$

9) 
$$12 = 2x$$

10) 
$$-3x = 21$$

11) 
$$-7 = x - 5$$

12) 
$$\frac{x}{-5} = 3$$

13) 
$$36 = 3x$$

14) 
$$x-12=-12$$

15) 
$$-3x = -42$$

16) 
$$-5 + x = 30$$

17) 
$$x-18=-42$$

18) 
$$\frac{x}{-6} = -2$$

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## 4.1B — One step word problems

Write and solve an equation for each problem. Remember to show all work and label your answer!

1) Robyn had some video games, and then bought	2) Mrs. Danzer's car can travel an average of 24
4 more games. If she now has a total of 10 games, how many did she start out with?	miles on each gallon of gasoline. How many gallons of gas will she need to travel 348 miles?
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3) Three friends found some money on the playground. They split the money evenly, and each person got \$14. How much money did they find on the playground?	4) An angelfish can grow to be 12 inches long. If an angelfish is 8.5 inches more than a clownfish, how long is a clownfish?
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5) Josh sent 574 text messages last week. On average, how many text messages did he send each day? <i>(remember: a week is 7 days)</i>	6) In a recent presidential election, Ohio had 18 electoral votes. This is 20 votes less than Texas had, how many electoral votes did Texas have?
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