Solving Addition and Subtraction Equations

You can use the following properties to solve addition and subtraction equations.

- Addition Property of Equality If you add the same number to each side of an equation, the two sides remain equal.
- Subtraction Property of Equality If you subtract the same number from each side of an equation. the two sides remain equal.

Example 1 Solve w + 19 = 45. Check your solution.

$$w + 19 = 45$$

Write the equation.

$$w+19-19=45-19$$
 Subtract 19 from each side.

$$w = 26$$

19 - 19 = 0 and 45 - 19 = 26, w is by itself.

Check

$$w+19=45$$

Write the original equation.

$$26 + 19 \stackrel{?}{=} 45$$

Replace w with 26. Is this sentence true?

$$45 = 45 \checkmark$$

$$26 + 19 - 45$$

Example 2

Solve h - 25 = -76. Check your solution.

$$h - 25 = -76$$

Write the equation.

h - 25 + 25 = -76 + 25 Add 25 to each side.

$$h = -51$$

-25 + 25 = 0 and -76 + 25 = -51. h is by itself.

Check

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$$h - 25 = -76$$

Write the original equation.

$$-51 - 25 \stackrel{?}{=} -76$$

Replace h with -51. Is this sentence true?

$$-76 = -76 \checkmark$$

$$-51 - 25 = -51 + (-25)$$
 or -76

Exercises

Solve each equation. Check your solution.

1.
$$s - 4 = 12$$

2.
$$d + 2 = 21$$

3.
$$h + 6 = 15$$

4.
$$x + 5 = -8$$

5.
$$b - 10 = -34$$

6.
$$f - 22 = -6$$

7.
$$17 + c = 41$$

8.
$$v - 36 = 25$$

9.
$$y - 29 = -51$$

10.
$$19 = z - 32$$

11.
$$13 + t = -29$$

12.
$$55 = 39 + k$$

13.
$$62 + b = 45$$

14.
$$x - 39 = -65$$

15.
$$-56 = -47 + n$$