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## **Practice**

7AF1.1, 7AF4.1

# Solving Equations with Variables on Each Side

## Example 1 Solve 3x - 9 = 6x. Check your solution.

$$3x - 9 = 6x$$
 Write the equation.

$$3x - 3x - 9 = 6x - 3x$$
 Subtract 3x from each side.

$$-9 = 3x$$
 Simplify.

$$-3 = x$$
 Mentally divide each side by 3.

To check your solution, replace x with -3 in the original equation.

**Check** 
$$3x - 9 = 6x$$
 Write the equation.

$$3(-3)-9\stackrel{?}{=}6(-3)$$
 Replace  $x$  with  $-3$ .  
 $-18=-18$   $\checkmark$  The sentence is true.

The solution is -3.

### Example 2 Solve 4a - 7 = 5 - 2a.

$$4a - 7 = 5 - 2a$$
 Write the equation.

$$4a+2a-7=\,5-2a+2a$$
 Add 2a to each side.

$$6a - 7 = 5$$
 Simplify.

$$6a - 7 + 7 = 5 + 7$$
 Add 7 to each side.

$$6a=12$$
 Simplify.

$$a=\,2$$
 Mentally divide each side by 6.

The solution is 2. Check this solution.

#### Solve each equation. Check your solution.

1. 
$$9m + 14 = 2m$$

**2.** 
$$13x = 32 + 5x$$

3. 
$$8d - 25 = 3d$$

**4.** 
$$t - 27 = 4t$$

**5.** 
$$7p - 5 = 6p + 8$$

6. 
$$11z - 5 = 9z + 7$$

7. 
$$12 - 5h = h + 6$$

8. 
$$4 - 7f = f - 12$$

**9.** 
$$-6y + 17 = 3y - 10$$

**10.** 
$$3x - 32 = -7x + 28$$
 **11.**  $3.2a - 16 = 4a$ 

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$$9.9a - 16 - 4a$$

**12.** 
$$16.8 - v = 6v$$