

LO: To solve a range of algebraic equations

Key things to remember about algebra:

5y mean 5 times y (we don't use the multiplication symbol in algebra because it looks the same as an x)

The equals sign is super important- this shows both sides of the equation should be the same

Where there is a letter in an equation this is used to represent a missing value

Where there is the same letter within an equation, it should have the same value Eg $2x+x=$ x must be the same both times

BODMAS still applies

TASK 1: Write the equation in your book and solve

1) $7n=77$

2) $4n-2=22$

3) $20+5n=65$

4) $36\div n=6$

5) $n+12= 21$

6) $12n-18=126$

7) $4n-8=12$

8) $2n-110=290$

9) $2(n-34)=12$

10) $11n-6^2=30$

2 key ways to solve algebraic equations:

Option 1: Work backwards through the calculation and use the inverse

Option 2: Make an estimate of what the missing value can be and then use trial and error

TASK 1: ANSWERS

1) $n=11$

2) $n=5$

3) $n=9$

4) $n=6$

5) $n=3$

6) $n=12$

7) $n=5$

8) $n=200$

9) $n=40$

10) $n=6$

TASK 2: Sometimes you will be given the missing value to input into the calculation and need to find the answer.

Have a go at these:

If $y=8$

1) $4y=?$

2) $y^2 \cdot 2y=?$

3) $9y-45=?$

4) $(y+14) \div 2=?$

5) $4y-12=?$

6) $y+12 \div 4$

7) $4y+12^2$

TASK 2: ANSWERS

1) 32

2) 48

3) 27

4) 11

5) 20

6) 5

7) 20

TASK 3: In some equations you may have more than one missing value. E.g. $4n+2y=22$

If $n=6$ what is y worth?

1) $2n-y=0$

2) $5n+2y=52$

3) $y^2 + 2n = 76$

4) $5y-n=29$

If $n=8$ what is y worth?

5) $n-2+y=30$

6) $9n+y=100$

7) $2n-4y=4$

8) $(n+27)-5y=0$

TASK 3: ANSWERS

1) $y=12$

2) $y=11$

3) $y=8$

4) $y=7$

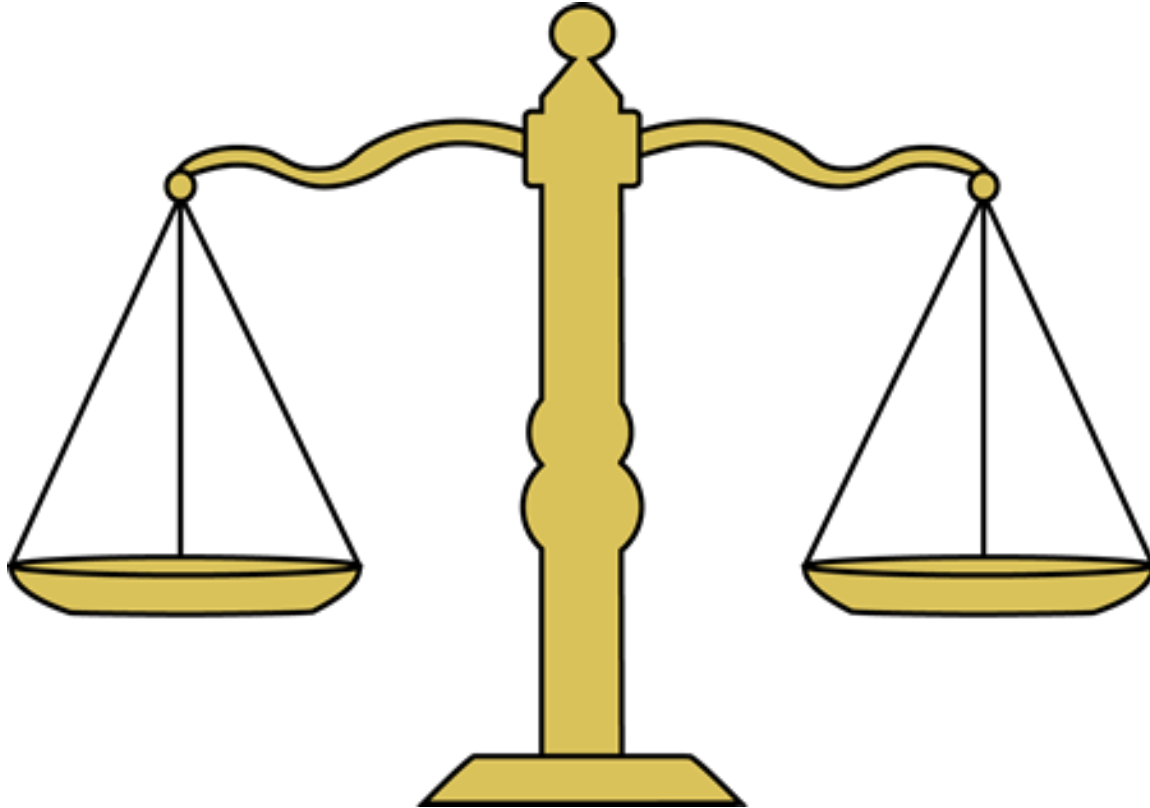
5) $y=24$

6) $y=28$

7) $y=3$

8) $y=7$

Can you remember this method:



Watch this video for a recap on how to solve algebraic equations with missing values on both sides:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS4XCSSQZ0w>

TASK 4: Use the scale method to solve these equations.
Write the equation in your book and show your working out

a) $4x+3=3x+9$

b) $5x+4=2x+19$

c) $6y+1=y+11$

d) $3n+4=n+9$

e) $4b+5=2b+13$

f) $6y+1=5y+14$

g) $3x+4=x+18$

h) $6x-9=4x+5$

i) $8y+2=14y-16$

j) $n+22=4n-14$

TASK 4: ANSWERS

a) $x=6$

b) $x=3$

c) $y=2$

d) $n=2.5$

e) $b=4$

f) $y=13$

g) $x=7$

h) $x=7$

i) $y=3$

j) $n=12$