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LO: I can solve equations in terms of unspecified constants (letters instead of numbers).

 (1) **Solving equations with numeric or letter constants use the same process**

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**Exercise #1:** Solve each of the following problems for the value of  $x$ . In (b), write your answer in terms of the unspecified constant: (a)  $5x + 3 = 33$  (b)  $ax + b = c$ 

Use the process from lesson 1.2B by listing operations and inverse operations and then solving

| Equation           | Operations (wrapping) | Inverse operations (unwrapping) | Solve the equation |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| A<br>$5x + 3 = 33$ | _____<br>_____        | _____<br>_____                  |                    |
| B<br>$ax + b = c$  | _____<br>_____        | _____<br>_____                  |                    |

 (2) **Solving equations with numeric or letter constants use the same process**

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**Exercise #2:** Solve the following two equations. In letter (b), leave your answer in terms of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

| Equation                     | Operations (wrapping)   | Inverse operations (unwrapping) | Solve the equation |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| A<br>$\frac{x+5}{2} - 7 = 3$ | _____<br>_____<br>_____ | _____<br>_____<br>_____         |                    |
| B<br>$\frac{x+a}{b} - c = d$ | _____<br>_____<br>_____ | _____<br>_____<br>_____         |                    |

(3) Solving equations with letter constants

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**Exercise #3:** When  $2(x-h)+k=8$  is solved for  $x$  in terms of  $h$  and  $k$ , its solution is which of the following? Show the algebraic manipulations you used to get your answer.

(1)  $4+h-k$

(3)  $k-\frac{h}{2}+8$

(2)  $h+4-\frac{k}{2}$

(4)  $4-h+k$

| Equation          | Operations (wrapping)   | Inverse operations (unwrapping) | Solve the equation |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| A<br>$2(x-h)+k=8$ | _____<br>_____<br>_____ | _____<br>_____<br>_____         |                    |

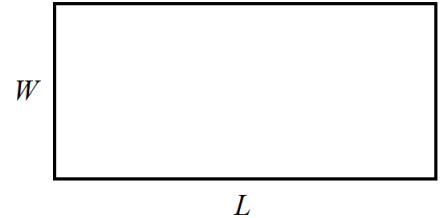
 (4) Applications for solving equations with letter constants

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Many times this technique is used when we want to **rearrange a formula** to solve for a **quantity of interest**.

**Exercise #4:** For a rectangle, the **perimeter**,  $P$ , can be found if the two dimensions of length,  $L$ , and width,  $W$ , are known.

- (a) If a rectangle has a length of 12 inches and a width of 5 inches, what is the value of its perimeter? Include units.



- (b) Write a formula for the perimeter,  $P$ , in terms of  $L$  and  $W$ .

- (c) Rearrange this formula so that it “solves” for the length,  $L$ . Determine the value of  $L$  when  $P=20$  and  $W=4$ .

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 (3) **Solving equations with letter constants when x is on both sides**

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There is one last complication that we need to look at that is often challenging for students at all levels. Let's take a look at this in the next problem.

**Exercise #5:** Consider the equation  $ax + b = cx + d$ . We'd like to solve this equation for  $x$ . Let's start with the situation where we know the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

(a) Solve:  $8x + 1 = 5x + 22$

(b) Now solve:  $ax + b = cx + d$

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 (4) **Solving equations with letter constants when x is on both sides**

**Exercise #6:** Which of the following solves the equation  $ax - k = 3(x + h)$  for  $x$  in terms of  $a$ ,  $k$ , and  $h$ . Show the manipulations to find your answer.

(1)  $\frac{3h+k}{a-3}$

(3)  $\frac{k+3h}{a+3}$

(2)  $\frac{3a+k}{h-1}$

(4)  $\frac{h+3}{a+k}$ 

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 (5) **Homework** BRING BACK SIGNATURE SHEET SIGNED AND . . .  
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1. When  $\frac{3(x-k)}{w} = 4$  is solved for  $x$  in terms of  $w$  and  $k$ , its solution is which of the following? Show the algebraic manipulations you used to get your answer.

(1)  $\frac{4}{3}w + k$

(3)  $k - \frac{4}{3}w$

(2)  $k - \frac{3w}{4}$

(4)  $\frac{4}{3} + w - k$

2. Solve the following equations for  $x$ . It may help to make up an equation with numbers and solve it to the side to make sure you are not making any mistakes.

(a)  $a(x+b) - c = d$

(b)  $\frac{e(x+c)}{b} = 2$

(c)  $rx + qx - d = gc$

(d)  $2ax - b = cx + d$

(e)  $zx = 5g(2x - c)$

(f)  $\frac{ax}{b} + \frac{cx}{d} = e$

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(1) The LO (Learning Outcomes) are written below your name on the front of this packet. Demonstrate your achievement of these outcomes by doing the following:

(a) Solve the equation for the indicated variable (x):  $A = \frac{x + y}{2}$  for  $x$

(b) Solve the equation for the indicated variable (x):  $\frac{3ax - n}{5} = -4$ , for  $x$ .

(1) Solve ONE of the equations below. List the “operations” and the “inverse operations” if you have trouble getting started or get stuck.

(a)  $-3(4r - 8) = -36$

(b)  $6 = -3(x + 2)$

(2) An anagram is a rearrangement of letters. Describe what is supposed to make you smile in the cartoon.

Hint: What are the singers reading and singing?

