

Solving A Linear Equation: Five Steps To Success

Step 1: Perform any distribution; look for ().

Step 2: Combine like terms on each side of = sign.

Step 3: Add or subtract variable terms to get all variables on the same side of the = sign.

Step 4: Isolate the variable term by subtracting (-) or adding (+) the constant (number with no variable) from each side of the equation.

Step 5: Isolate the variable by dividing both sides of the equation by the coefficient of the variable term.