

In an equation chain, you use the solution of one equation to help you find the solution of the next equation in the chain. The last equation in the chain is used to check that you have solved the entire chain correctly.

Complete each equation chain:

1)	5 + a = 12	so a =	2)	9f = 36	so f =
	ab = 14	so b =		g = 13 - f	so g =
	16 ÷ b = c	so c =		63 ÷ g = h	so h =
	14 - d = c	so d =		h + i = 18	so i =
	e ÷ d = 3	so e =		j – i =9	so j =
	a + e = 25	check		j ÷ f = 5	Check

3)	m ÷ 4 = 8	so m = 	4)	18 = v - 12	so v =
	m – n = 12	so n =		$v \div w = 3$	so w =
	np = 100	so p =		80 = wx	so x =
	q = 40 + p	so q =		w + x = 2y	so y =
	p + q -10 = r	so r =		xy - z = 40	so z =
	r – m = 8	check		z - v = 2	Check

Challenge: Create your own equation chain using these numbers for the variables: a = 10, b = 6, c = 18 and d = 3

Equations Error Analysis

Sally is a silly little girl who makes mistakes! In Column #1, analyze her work and <u>circle her mistake</u>. In Column #2, explain what she did wrong. In Column #3, show how Silly Sally should work out the problem correctly. Show ALL work!

Silly Sally's Work (Circle her mistake):	What did Silly Sally do wrong?	Show Silly Sally how it's done! (Show ALL steps!)
x + 5 = 28 + 5 + 5 x = 33		
$\frac{12a}{12} = \frac{108}{12} \\ a = 8$		
w - 42 = 18 + 18 + 18 w = 36		
$\frac{y}{15} = 3$ $\frac{\div 15 \div 15}{y = 5}$		
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$4\frac{1}{2}b = 36$ $\bullet 4\frac{1}{2} \qquad \bullet 4\frac{1}{2}$		
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Solving One-Step Equations Problems

You can solve a word problem using one-step equations.

- Figure out what you know and what you want to know. What you want to know will be represented by a variable.
- 2) Set up an **equation** to solve for the unknown (variable).
- 3) Use inverse operations to solve.
- 4) Don't forget to **label** your solution and write it as statement.

Example:

Edgar jogs for 20 minutes. He stretched then jogs some more. Altogether, he jogs for 35 minutes. How far does he jog after he stretches?

What do you know? _____

What do you want to know?	

What does your variable represent?

What operation is used in the equation?

What inverse operation will you use to solve?

Write the one-step equation to solve.

Solution: _____

Solution as a statement: