


2-4 Equations and Their Solutions

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An **equation** is a mathematical statement that two quantities are equal. You can think of a correct equation as a balanced scale.




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Equations may contain variables. If a value for a variable makes an equation true, that value is a **solution** of the equation.

$s + 15 = 27$

?  
 $s = 12$

$12 + 15 = 27$




Yes

$s = 12$  is a solution because  $12 + 15 = 27$ .

$s + 15 = 27$

no  
 $s = 10$

$10 + 15 \neq 27$



Not a solution

$s = 10$  is not a solution because  $10 + 15 \neq 27$ .

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**Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.**

$b - 447 = 1,203$  for  $b = 1,650$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650 \\ - 447 \\ \hline 1,203 \end{array}$$

Yes

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**Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.**

$u + 56 = 129$  for  $u = 73$

$$\begin{array}{r} 73 \\ + 56 \\ \hline 129 \end{array}$$

$73 + 56 \neq 129$

no

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**Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.**

$45 \div g = 3$  for  $g = 15$

$$45 \div 15 = 3 \text{ yes}$$

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Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.

$27x = 1,485$  for  $x = 54$

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline 378 \\ + 1080 \\ \hline 1458 \end{array} \text{ no}$$

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Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.

$s \div 4 = 5$ , when  $s = 24$

$$24 \div 4 \neq 5$$

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Determine whether the given value of the variable is a solution.

$b \cdot 5 = 20$ , when  $b = 3$

$$3 \cdot 5 \neq 20$$

no

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Paulo says that his yard is 19 yards long. Jamie says that Paulo's yard is 664 inches long. Determine if these two measurements are equal.

$36 \cdot \text{yd} = \text{in.}$       $19 \text{ yd} = 664 \text{ in}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \times 19 \\ \hline 324 \\ + 360 \\ \hline 684 \end{array}$$

$12 \text{ in} = 1 \text{ ft}$   
 $3 \text{ ft} = 1 \text{ yd}$   
 no

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Anna says that the table is 7 feet long. John says that the table is 84 inches long. Determine if these two measurements are equal.

$12 \cdot \text{ft} = \text{in.}$

$$12 \cdot 7 = 84$$

yes

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Determine whether the given value of each variable is a solution.

- $85 = 13x$  for  $x = 5$       $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 65 \end{array}$  no
- $w + 38 = 210$  for  $w = 172$       $172 + 38 = 210$
- $8y = 88$  for  $y = 11$       $8 \cdot 11 = 88$       $\begin{array}{r} 172 \\ + 38 \\ \hline 210 \end{array}$  yes
- $16 = w \div 6$  for  $w = 98$       $98 \div 6 = 16$  no
- The local pizza shop charged Kylee \$172 for 21 medium pizzas. The price of a medium pizza is \$8. Determine if Kylee paid the correct amount of money. (Hint: \$8 • pizzas = total cost.)

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{)172} \\ \underline{6} \\ 17 \\ \underline{12} \\ 52 \\ \underline{42} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 168 \end{array} \text{ no}$$

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