

$$4.1b / 4.1.2 \quad ax + b = cx \quad \dot{=} \quad ax + b = cx + d$$

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LIKE TERMS = TERMS WITH THE SAME  
VARIABLE & EXPONENT.

$$\text{ex) } x, 2x, -5x, -\frac{x}{4} \} \text{ LIKE TERMS}$$

$$-\frac{2}{3}, 0, 5 \} \text{ LIKE TERMS}$$

$$4xy^2, -2xy^2, -xy^2, 3y^2x \} \text{ LIKE TERMS}$$

STEPS : ① COMBINE LIKE TERMS ("CLEAN IT UP")

② FIND THE VARIABLE(S)

③ MOVE THE VARIABLES TO ONE SIDE

USING  
INVERSE  
OPERATIONS } HINT: MOVE THE SMALLER VALUE  
TO AVOID (-)

④ GET THE VARIABLE "ALONE" BY  
REMOVING THE CONSTANT & THEN  
THE COEFFICIENT.

Ex. 1)

$$-2x + 5x - 8 = -2$$

$$3x - 8 = -2$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{-2 + 8}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

Ex. 2)

$$\cancel{4n} + 2 = \cancel{7n} - 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \cancel{4n} & \cancel{7n} \\ 2 & -10 \\ +10 & +10 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12}{3} = \frac{3n}{3}$$

$$4 = n$$

EX. 3)

$$8 - 2x - 3 = 5x + 7 - 1x$$

• COMBINE  
LIKE TERMS

$$\cancel{-2x} + 5 + 2x = 4x + 7$$

• MOVE VARIABLE  
TO ONE SIDE

$$5 = 6x + 7 - 7$$

• REMOVE  
CONSTANT

$$-2$$

=

$$6x$$

• REMOVE  
COEFFICIENT

$$-\frac{2}{6} = \frac{6x}{6}$$

• REDUCE

$$-\frac{1}{3} = x$$

4)

$$2x - 5 - 3x = 5x - 10 - 2x$$

• combine like terms

$$\begin{array}{r} -1x - 5 \\ + 1x \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 3x - 10 \\ + 1x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

• move variable to one side

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ + 10 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 4x - 10 \\ + 10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

• remove constant

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 4x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

• remove coefficient

$$\frac{5}{4} = x$$

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