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## What is an equation?

An equation is an expression with an "equal" sign and another expression.

## Examples:

$$
x+5=4 \quad 2 x-6=14
$$

There is a Left side, an equal sign, and a right side.

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Linear Equations:

A Linear (straight line) equation is a polynomial of degree 1.

## Examples:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
x^{1}+5=4 \\
2 x^{1}-6=13
\end{array}
$$

Quadratic Equations:

A Quadratic equation is a polynomial of degree 2 .

## Examples:

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}-3 x-10=5 \\
x^{2}-25=0
\end{gathered}
$$

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SOLVING EQUATIONS:
In order to solve for the unknown variable, you must isolate the variable using the zero effect ( Inverse operations)

ZERO EFFECT: For every positive cancels out every negative to equal zero.

Examples: $-4+(+4)=0$

$$
17+(-17)=0
$$

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## SOLVING EQUATIONS:

The goal to solve an equation is to get the unknown variable by itself. That is to isolate the variable.

To do this, you must think of an equation like a balance scale.

You must keep the equation balanced at all times!

Therefore, whatever mathematical operation you perform to the left side, you must perform the same operation to the right side.

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## SOLVING EQUATIONS:

EXAMPLE:
$3 x-3=9$

Things to Remember
Model the equation first:
Did you isolate the variable?

Did you have to divide by the number in front of the variable?

Did you need to get rid of the fraction?

Did you need to expand?

Did you have to collect like terms first?

