

EQUATIONS

You can work with a letter without even thinking about the specific number or numbers. These variables used as symbols and stand for an unknown value. You can begin using various letters instead of a box in your open sentences. This thinking can help you solve problems by creating equations.

Consider: $4 + 5 = 9$

This is similar to: $n + 5 = 9$. Solving for n:

$$n + 5 = 9$$

$$4 + 5 = 9$$

$$n = 4$$

$$y + 6 = 10$$

$$y = 10 - 6$$

$$y = 4$$

Questions:

1. QUESTION

Solve the following equations.

$$x + 2 = 3$$

$$\square + 2 = 3$$

$$x = \square$$

$$3 + n = 12$$

$$3 + \square = 12$$

$$n = \square$$

$$4m = 28$$

$$4 \times m = 28$$

$$4 \times \square = 28$$

$$m = \square$$

$$3d = 15$$

$$3 \times \square = 15$$

$$3 \times \square = 15$$

$$d = \square$$

$$k \div 3 = 6$$

$$\square \div 3 = 6$$
$$k = \square$$

2. QUESTION

Solve the following equations.

$$3 + m = 16$$

$$m = 16 - \square$$
$$m = \square$$

$$5x = 40$$

$$x = 40 \div \square$$
$$x = \square$$

$$y - 5 = 15$$

$$y = 15 + \square$$
$$y = \square$$

$$3z = 24$$

$$z = \square \div \square$$
$$z = \square$$

$$12 - m = 7$$

$$m = 12 - \square$$
$$m = \square$$

3. QUESTION

Solve the equation.

$$2x + 5 = 29$$

Working:

$$2n + 5 = 29$$

$$2n = 29 - \square$$

$$2n = \square$$

$$n = \square \div \square$$

$$n = \square$$

4. QUESTION

Solve the equation:

$$5a - 12 = 68$$

Working:

$$5a - 12 = 68$$

$$5a = 68 - \square$$

$$a = \square \div \square$$

$$a = \square$$