

Solving Literal Equations and Formulas

Solve each equation for the variable specified, and justify each step.

1. Solve $4a + b = 3a$, for a

2. Solve $\frac{c + d}{3} = 2c$, for c .

3. $f = epd$, for e

4. $12g + 31h = -8g$, for h

5. $y = mx + b$, for b

6. $v = r + at$, for r

7. $\frac{3x + y}{c} = 4$, for c

8. $\frac{5xy + n}{2} = -6$, for y

9. $m + n + 2p = 3$, for m

10. $6y + z = bc - 2y$, for y

11. $3x - 4y = 7$, for y

12. $s = \frac{n}{2}(a + t)$, for n

13. $v = \frac{4}{3}r$, for r

14. $W = mgh$, for g

15. $PV = nRT$, for V

16. $G = F - D$, for D

17. $6t + 62s = \frac{1}{2}(3t - 42s)$, for t

18. $3c + 5d = 7d - 6c$, for d

19. Four ninths of a number c increased by 4 is 18 less than one eighth times another number d . Solve for c .

A $c = \frac{9}{32}d + 31\frac{1}{2}$

B $c = \frac{4}{72}d + \frac{4}{72}$

C $c = \frac{9}{32}d - 49\frac{1}{2}$

D $c = \frac{4}{72}d - 31\frac{1}{2}$

17. $t = -\frac{9}{166s}$ 18. $d = \frac{2}{9c}$ 19. **C**

9. $m = 3 - n - 2p$ 10. $y = \frac{8}{bc - z}$ 11. $y = \frac{4}{3x - 7}$ 12. $n = \frac{a + t}{2s}$ 13. $r = \frac{4}{3}v$ 14. $g = \frac{4}{15}v$ 15. $V = \frac{p}{nRT}$ 16. $D = F - G$

Answers: 1. $a = -b$ 2. $c = \frac{5}{d}$ 3. $e = \frac{pd}{f}$ 4. $h = \frac{-20g}{31}$ 5. $b = y - mx$ 6. $r = v - at$ 7. $c = \frac{3x + y}{4}$ 8. $y = \frac{-n - 12}{5x}$