

# Solving Multi-Step Equations

## Distributive With Parentheses - Negative Coefficients

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(1)  $7x + 6(x - 2) = -129$

(2)  $-2x - 6(3x + 16) = 104$

(3)  $5x + 4(-6x + 4) = 187$

(4)  $-5x + 5(-x - 4) = 50$

(5)  $2x + 2(-2x + 9) = 30$

(6)  $6x + 6(-4x - 10) = 120$

(7)  $7x - 5(-x - 10) = -34$

(8)  $-5x - 3(-x + 17) = -61$

(9)  $-4x - 7(-x - 5) = 17$

(10)  $-4x - 6(-x - 9) = 34$

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## ANSWER KEY



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$$(1) \quad 7x + 6(x - 2) = -129$$

$$7x + 6x - 12 = -129$$

$$13x - 12 = -129$$

$$13x = -117$$

$$x = -9$$

$$(2) \quad -2x - 6(3x + 16) = 104$$

$$-2x - 18x - 96 = 104$$

$$-20x - 96 = 104$$

$$-20x = 200$$

$$x = -10$$

$$(3) \quad 5x + 4(-6x + 4) = 187$$

$$5x - 24x + 16 = 187$$

$$-19x + 16 = 187$$

$$-19x = 171$$

$$x = -9$$

$$(4) \quad -5x + 5(-x - 4) = 50$$

$$-5x - 5x - 20 = 50$$

$$-10x - 20 = 50$$

$$-10x = 70$$

$$x = -7$$

$$(5) \quad 2x + 2(-2x + 9) = 30$$

$$2x - 4x + 18 = 30$$

$$-2x + 18 = 30$$

$$-2x = 12$$

$$x = -6$$

$$(6) \quad 6x + 6(-4x - 10) = 120$$

$$6x - 24x - 60 = 120$$

$$-18x - 60 = 120$$

$$-18x = 180$$

$$x = -10$$

$$(7) \quad 7x - 5(-x - 10) = -34$$

$$7x + 5x + 50 = -34$$

$$12x + 50 = -34$$

$$12x = -84$$

$$x = -7$$

$$(8) \quad -5x - 3(-x + 17) = -61$$

$$-5x + 3x - 51 = -61$$

$$-2x - 51 = -61$$

$$-2x = -10$$

$$x = 5$$

$$(9) \quad -4x - 7(-x - 5) = 17$$

$$-4x + 7x + 35 = 17$$

$$3x + 35 = 17$$

$$3x = -18$$

$$x = -6$$

$$(10) \quad -4x - 6(-x - 9) = 34$$

$$-4x + 6x + 54 = 34$$

$$2x + 54 = 34$$

$$2x = -20$$

$$x = -10$$