

Idea 81: The sequence of working

Practice questions

Simple addition and subtraction

$$x + 3 = 10$$

$$x - 7 = 12$$

$$x + 9 = 5$$

Multiplication and division

$$5x = 45$$

$$8x = 42$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = 10.5$$

Templates for solving equations:

Write the equation.

Isolate the unknown variable by adjusting both sides.
Write each step in the process.

The calculation may require more than one step. If so, make sure to write out each step in the process.

Write the solution. This is the value of the unknown.