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**Multi-Step Equations with like terms on both sides without distributive property**

Look at x term  
the opposite of  
the smallest  
to both sides

$$\begin{array}{r} -23 + 2x = -3x + 7 \\ +23 \qquad \qquad +23 \\ \hline 2x = -3x + 30 \\ +3x \qquad +3x \\ \hline 5x = 30 \\ \frac{5}{5} \qquad \qquad \qquad \\ (x=6) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1. \quad 5x = 3x - 8 \\ -3x \qquad -3x \\ \hline 2x = -8 \\ \frac{2}{2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \\ (x=-4) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3) \quad 7x - 2 = 5x + 10 \\ -5x \qquad -5x \\ \hline 2x - 2 = 10 \\ +2 \qquad +2 \\ \hline \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{12}{2} \\ (x=6) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5) \quad 3x - 21 = -2x + 9 \\ +2x \qquad +2x \\ \hline 5x - 21 = 9 \\ +21 \qquad +21 \\ \hline \frac{5x}{5} = \frac{30}{5} \\ (x=6) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7) \quad -23 + 2x = -3x + 7 \\ +3x \qquad +3x \\ \hline -23 + 5x = 7 \\ +23 \qquad +23 \\ \hline \frac{5x}{5} = \frac{30}{5} \\ (x=6) \end{array}$$

$$2. \quad 6x = 4x - 12$$

$$4) \quad -7x + 15 = -3 + 2x$$

$$6) \quad 2x - 9 = -3x + 6$$

$$8) \quad -6 + 2x = 3 - x$$

**Multi-Step Equations with  
like terms on both sides  
with distributive property**

$$1. \ 2(x - 5) = 3x + 1$$

$$2. \ 5(x + 3) = 2x - 9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 10 = 3x + 1 \\ -2x \quad \quad \quad -2x \\ \hline -10 = x + 1 \\ -1 \quad \quad \quad -1 \\ \hline -11 = x \end{array}$$

$$1. \ 4(x + 3) = 2(x - 6)$$

$$2. \ 3(x + 2) = 4(x - 10)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 12 = 2x - 12 \\ -2x \quad \quad \quad -2x \\ \hline 2x + 12 = -12 \\ -12 \quad \quad \quad -12 \\ \hline 2x = -24 \\ 2 \quad \quad \quad 2 \\ \hline x = -12 \end{array}$$

$$3. \ -9(x - 4) = -(x + 20)$$