

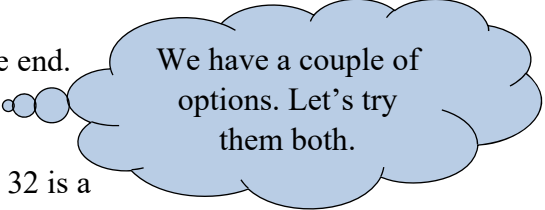
Here, we move on to more complicated equations and we address formulas.

Using what we know from earlier sections, let's jump right in and see how we will solve these equations.

expl 1: Try each method to solve. Check your solution at the end.

$$4(t - 5) = 32$$

Method 1: Divide both sides by 4 *first*. (Notice that because 32 is a multiple of 4, this does *not* create an unwieldy fraction on the right.)



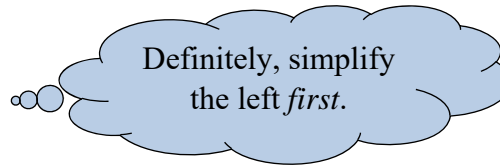
We have a couple of options. Let's try them both.

Method 2: Distribute the 4 on the left *first*. (We are simplifying what we can before doing anything to both sides of the equation.)

Check the solution in the *original* equation.

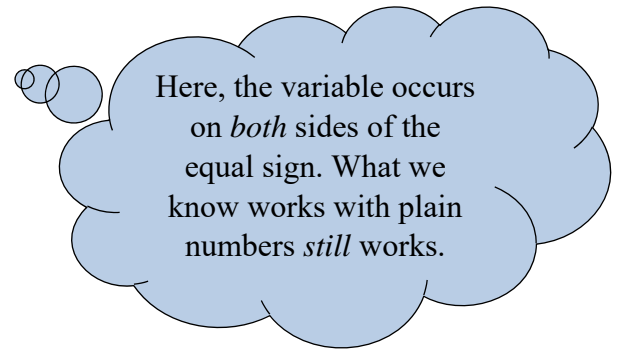
expl 2: Solve. Check your solution.

$$5 - 2(x + 3) = 7$$



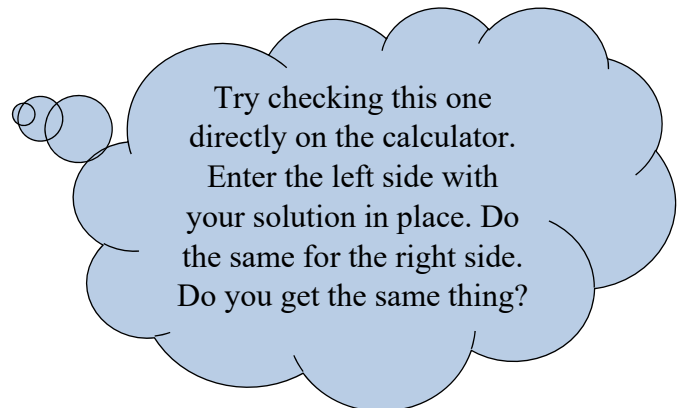
expl 3: Solve. Check your solution.

$$4w + 15 = 6w - 6$$



expl 4: Solve. Check your solution.

$$-2(x + 3) - 4x = 10x + 6$$

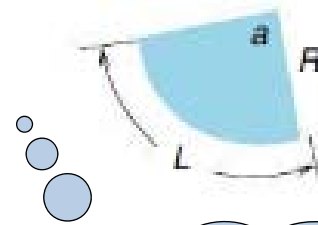


**Formulas:**

A formula will be given with one particular variable isolated. We say that that variable is *solved for*. Our goal with these formulas will be to isolate, or solve for, another variable.

expl 5: The area of the sector  $A$  shown here is given by

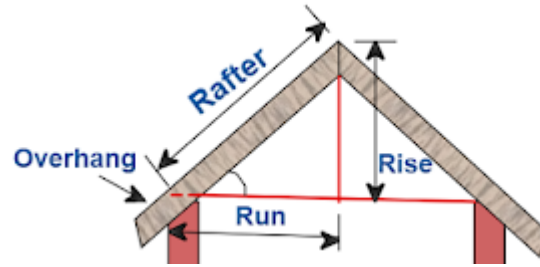
$A = \frac{\pi R^2 a}{360}$ . Here,  $R$  is the radius of the circle (from which the sector was cut) and  $a$  is the angle in the corner (in degrees). Solve for  $a$ .



The angle  $a$  is called a **central angle**. Notice how  $A$  and  $a$  are two separate variables.

expl 6: Solve the formula  $S = \frac{W}{2}(A+T)$  for  $A$ .

expl 7: The formula  $L = U(R + H)$  determines the rafter length ( $L$ , in inches) of a roof, where  $R$  is the run (in feet),  $H$  is the overhang (in feet), and  $U$  is unit line length. If a rafter 240.5 inches long is used on a roof with a run of 15.5 ft and a unit line length of 13.0, how long will the overhang be?



(source: <https://www.paramvisions.com/2021/07/how-to-calculate-length-of-roof-rafter.html>)