

Complex Equations with Emphasis on Decimals and Fractions

Example: $\frac{1}{9}v - \frac{1}{3}v + 1 = 1\frac{1}{2} + v + 1$

$$\frac{1}{9}v - \frac{3}{9}v + 1 = \frac{3}{2} + v + \frac{2}{2}$$

Combine like terms on each side.

$$-\frac{2}{9}v + 1 = \frac{5}{2} + v$$

$$-\frac{9}{9}v - \frac{2}{2} = -\frac{2}{2} - \frac{9}{9}v$$

Isolate variable terms on one side,
constants on the other.

$$-\frac{11}{9}v = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$-\frac{9}{11} \cdot -\frac{11}{9}v = \frac{3}{2} \cdot -\frac{9}{11}$$

Get a coefficient of 1 by multiplying by the
reciprocal of the variables.

$$v = -\frac{27}{22} \quad \text{or} \quad -1\frac{5}{22}$$

Solve the following equations using the steps outlined in the example above.

1) $\frac{9}{2}b - 4 + \frac{3}{2}b = 16$

2) $2.1z + 8 - 3.7z = 1.9z + 1$

3) $0.5a - 1.08 + 0.72 = -1.5a + 0.36$

4) $\frac{3}{7}r + 2r - 3 = 2\frac{2}{3}$

5) $2\frac{2}{3}x + 1\frac{1}{3} - x = 8$

6) $0.9b - 0.4 + 0.36 = 3.2$

7) $7.9c + 9 = -3.2c - 2.1$

8) $\frac{11}{2}p + \frac{1}{2} - p = -4 + \frac{2}{3}$

9) $\frac{2}{3}r - r - \frac{11}{6}r = \frac{5}{2}r - \frac{1}{3}$

10) $0.04a - 3.1a - 8.12 = -12.1 + 4.133$

1) $\frac{10}{3}$

3) 0.36

5) 4

7) -1

9) $\frac{1}{14}$

2) 2

4) $\frac{7}{3}$

6) 3.6

8) $-\frac{23}{27}$

10) -0.05

$$11) \quad 0.08g + 0.45 + 0.04g = 2.1 + 1.2$$

$$12) \quad 2q - \frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{1}{2}q = -2\frac{1}{4} + 2\frac{1}{4}q$$

$$13) \quad \frac{1}{4}p - \frac{1}{6}p + \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}p$$

$$14) \quad 4.6 = 0.05k + k + 1.45$$

$$15) \quad \frac{2}{3}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}a\right) + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}a - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$16) \quad 2x - 5(0.3x - 2) = 1.79$$

$$17) \quad 0.06 - (0.3t - 0.05) = 0.2t + 0.04$$

$$18) \quad \frac{1}{6}c - \frac{1}{2}(1+c) = \frac{1}{6}c$$

$$19) \quad 1 - \left(w - \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{3}{5}w$$

$$20) \quad -0.02(13 - 2b + 1) = 0$$

$$21) \quad p(0.6 - 0.3p) = -0.8 + 0.2p - 0.3p^2$$

$$22) \quad 1\frac{1}{12}q + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{12}(q + 2)$$

$$11) 23.75$$

$$13) \frac{10}{3}$$

$$15) 3$$

$$17) 0.14$$

$$19) \frac{3}{4}$$

$$21) -2$$

$$12) \frac{8}{7}$$

$$14) 3$$

$$16) -16.42$$

$$18) -1$$

$$20) 7$$

$$22) 2$$