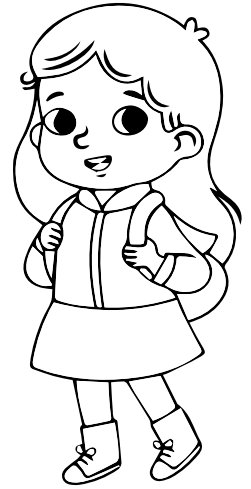




Step-by-Step Guide for Solving Balanced Equations



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1. Identify the Equation:

- Look for the equation with a missing number. For example:

$$4 + _ = 9$$

2. Understand the Operation:

- The operation in this equation is addition because of the plus sign (+).

3. Solve the Equation:

- Think: What number do I add to 4 to get 9?
- Start counting from 4: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. You counted 5 steps.
- So, the missing number is 5.

4. Check the Answer:

- Put the answer back into the equation:

$$4 + 5 = 9$$

- Both sides are equal, so the answer is correct.

5. Practice:

- Keep practicing with different equations:

Example 2:

$$7 - _ = 3$$

- What number minus 7 equals 3? The answer is 4.