

Topic: Equations and Formulae

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Solve	To find the answer /value of something Use inverse operations on both sides of the equation (balancing method) until you find the value for the letter.	Solve $2x - 3 = 7$ Add 3 on both sides $2x = 10$ Divide by 2 on both sides $x = 5$
2. Inverse	Opposite	The inverse of addition is subtraction. The inverse of multiplication is division.
3. Rearranging Formulae	Use inverse operations on both sides of the formula (balancing method) until you find the expression for the letter.	Make x the subject of $y = \frac{2x-1}{z}$ Multiply both sides by z $yz = 2x - 1$ Add 1 to both sides $yz + 1 = 2x$ Divide by 2 on both sides $\frac{yz + 1}{2} = x$ We now have x as the subject.
4. Writing Formulae	Substitute letters for words in the question.	Bob charges £3 per window and a £5 call out charge. $C = 3N + 5$ Where N=number of windows and C=cost
5. Substitution	Replace letters with numbers. Be careful of $5x^2$. You need to square first, then multiply by 5.	$a = 3, b = 2$ and $c = 5$. Find: 1. $2a = 2 \times 3 = 6$ 2. $3a - 2b = 3 \times 3 - 2 \times 2 = 5$ 3. $7b^2 - 5 = 7 \times 2^2 - 5 = 23$