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1. $5x - (x + 3) = \frac{1}{3}(9x + 18) - 5$

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$$5x - x - 3 = 3x + 6 - 5$$

$$4x - 3 = 3x + 1$$

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$$x - 3 = 1$$

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$$x = 4$$

2. $5(3x + 9) - 2x = 15x - 2(x - 5)$

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$$15x + 45 - 2x = 15x - 2x + 10$$

$$13x + 45 = 13x + 10$$

$$45 \neq 10$$

Since $45 \neq 10$, the equation has no solution.

Students practice using the distributive property to transform equations and solve.

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1. $x - (9x - 10) + 11 = 12x + 3\left(-2x + \frac{1}{3}\right)$

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$$x - 9x + 10 + 11 = 12x - 6x + 1$$

$$-8x + 21 = 6x + 1$$

$$-8x + 8x + 21 = 6x + 8x + 1$$

$$21 = 14x + 1$$

$$21 - 1 = 14x + 1 - 1$$

$$20 = 14x$$

$$\frac{20}{14} = \frac{14}{14}x$$

$$\frac{10}{7} = x$$

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1. $x - (9x - 10) + 11 = 12x + 3\left(-2x + \frac{1}{3}\right)$

2. $7x + 8\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 3(6x - 9) - 8$

3. $-4x - 2(8x + 1) = -(-2x - 10)$

4. $11(x + 10) = 132$

5. $37x + \frac{1}{2} - \left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 9(4x - 7) + 5$

6. $3(2x - 14) + x = 15 - (-9x - 5)$

7. $8(2x + 9) = 56$

$$2. \quad 7x + 8\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 3(6x - 9) - 8$$

$$7x + 8\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 3(6x - 9) - 8$$

$$7x + 8x + 2 = 18x - 27 - 8$$

$$15x + 2 = 18x - 35$$

$$15x - 15x + 2 = 18x - 15x - 35$$

$$2 = 3x - 35$$

$$2 + 35 = 3x - 35 + 35$$

$$37 = 3x$$

$$\frac{37}{3} = \frac{3}{3}x$$

$$\frac{37}{3} = x$$

$$3. \quad -4x - 2(8x + 1) = -(-2x - 10)$$

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$$-4x - 16x - 2 = 2x + 10$$

$$-20x - 2 = 2x + 10$$

$$-20x + 20x - 2 = 2x + 20x + 10$$

$$-2 = 22x + 10$$

$$-2 - 10 = 22x + 10 - 10$$

$$-12 = 22x$$

$$-\frac{12}{22} = \frac{22}{22}x$$

$$-\frac{6}{11} = x$$

$$4. \quad 11(x + 10) = 132$$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{11}\right)11(x + 10) = \left(\frac{1}{11}\right)132$$

$$x + 10 = 12$$

$$x + 10 - 10 = 12 - 10$$

$$x = 2$$

$$5. \quad 37x + \frac{1}{2} - \left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 9(4x - 7) + 5$$

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$$37x + \frac{1}{2} - x - \frac{1}{4} = 36x - 63 + 5$$

$$36x + \frac{1}{4} = 36x - 58$$

$$36x - 36x + \frac{1}{4} = 36x - 36x - 58$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \neq -58$$

This equation has no solution.

6. $3(2x - 14) + x = 15 - (-9x - 5)$

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$$6x - 42 + x = 15 + 9x + 5$$

$$7x - 42 = 20 + 9x$$

$$7x - 7x - 42 = 20 + 9x - 7x$$

$$-42 = 20 + 2x$$

$$-42 - 20 = 20 - 20 + 2x$$

$$-62 = 2x$$

$$-31 = x$$

7. $8(2x + 9) = 56$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)8(2x + 9) = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)56$$

$$2x + 9 = 7$$

$$2x + 9 - 9 = 7 - 9$$

$$2x = -2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)2x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)-2$$

$$x = -1$$