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Equations involving more than one operation can be solved by undoing these operations.

First, isolate the variable and any operation attached to it. Then, undo the extra operation. Finally, undo the operation attached to the variable.

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$\boxed{y} - 6 + 2 = -9$$

$-6 \quad -2 \quad +2$

$$-6 \cdot \frac{\boxed{y}}{-6} = -11 \cdot -6$$

$$\boxed{y = 66}$$

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$4 \cdot \frac{d+5}{4} = -9 \cdot 4$$

$$\frac{d+5}{-5} = \frac{-36}{+5}$$

$$d = -41$$

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$\frac{15+8x}{-15} = \frac{47}{-15}$$

$$\frac{8x}{8} = \frac{32}{8}$$

$$x = 4$$

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$\boxed{-4m} - 7 = 18$$
$$+7 \quad +7$$

$$\frac{-4\boxed{m}}{-4} = \frac{25}{-4}$$

$$\boxed{m = -\frac{25}{4} \text{ or } -6\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } -6.25}$$

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$9 - \boxed{4z} = 57$$
$$-9 \quad -9$$

$$\frac{-4\boxed{z}}{-4} = \frac{48}{-4}$$

$$\boxed{z = -12}$$

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Example: Solve each equation.

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 - t = -25 \\ +8 \quad +8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -t = -17 \\ \hline -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

$$t = 17$$