6.1 - Solving One-Step Equations

We can solve an equation by "undoing" whatever is being done to the variable. Inverse operations allow us to do this:

- The inverse of addition is ______ and vice versa.
- The inverse of multiplication is ______ and vice versa.

Remember that whatever you do to the left-hand side of the equation, you must also do to the right-hand side and vice versa.

Ex. 1: Solve the following equations.

(a)
$$x - 5 = 21$$

(b)
$$2.4 + p = 8.9$$

(c)
$$3n = -3.6$$

(d)
$$\frac{m}{4} = 1.6$$

(e)
$$-2.6q = -0.78$$