

## Harder Solve Practice #1

Solve:

$$1. \quad x^2 = 5x - 6$$

$$2. \quad \frac{2x + 9}{5} = 4x$$

$$3. \quad \frac{2}{x+1} = 8$$

$$4. \quad x^2 = 15x - 50$$

$$5. \quad \frac{3}{4}(x + 5) = 7$$

$$6. \quad \frac{x^2}{2} = 4x + 24$$

$$7. \quad x^2 = 13.2x$$

$$8. \quad \frac{2}{x-5} = 5$$

$$9. \quad 5x^2 = 15x + 650$$

$$10. \quad x^{-2} = 4$$

These are significantly harder:

$$11. \quad \frac{1}{4x-2} = 5$$

$$12. \quad \frac{x+2}{x+7} = 3$$

$$13. \quad x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x = 0$$

$$14. \quad x - \frac{3}{x-4} = 2$$

$$15. \quad \frac{2}{1-x} = \frac{4}{3x-5}$$

$$16. \quad \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{x} = 2.5$$

$$17. \quad (\frac{x}{3} - 3)^2 = 9$$

$$18. \quad \frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{6}{x+5} = 0$$

$$19. \quad \frac{x+12}{x+5} = \frac{4}{x}$$

$$20. \quad \frac{5}{x+1} + \frac{9}{x-3} = 2$$

## Answers: Harder Solve Practice #1

To remove a fraction you multiply **all** the equation by the denominator

1.  $x^2 = 5x - 6$        $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$        $(x - 3)(x - 2) = 0$        $x = 2 \text{ or } 3$
2.  $\frac{2x+9}{5} = 4x$        $\times 5 =$        $2x + 9 = 20x$        $x = 0.5$
3.  $\frac{2}{x+1} = 8$        $\times (x+1) =$        $2 = 8(x+1)$        $x = -0.75$
4.  $x^2 = 15x - 50$        $x^2 - 15x + 50 = 0$        $x = 5 \text{ or } 10$
5.  $\frac{3}{4}(x+5) = 7$        $\times \frac{4}{3} =$        $x + 5 = \frac{28}{3}$        $x = \frac{13}{3} = 4.33$
6.  $\frac{x^2}{2} = 4x + 24$        $\times 2 =$        $x^2 - 8x - 48 = 0$        $x = -4 \text{ or } 12$
7.  $x^2 = 13.2x$        $x(x - 13.2) = 0$        $x = 0 \text{ or } 13.2$
8.  $\frac{2}{x-5} = 5$        $\times (x-5) =$        $2 = 5(x-5)$        $x = 5.4$
9.  $5x^2 = 15x + 650$        $\div 5 =$        $x^2 - 3x - 130 = 0$        $x = 13 \text{ or } -10$
10.  $x^{-2} = 4$        $\times x^2 =$        $1 = 4x^2$        $x = \pm 0.5$

If there are two denominators to remove, you multiply all terms by both

11.  $\frac{1}{4x-2} = 5$        $\times (4x-2) =$        $1 = 5(4x-2)$        $x = 0.55$
12.  $\frac{x+2}{x+7} = 3$        $\times (x+7) =$        $x+2 = 3(x+7)$        $x = -9.5$
13.  $x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x = 0$        $x(x^2 + 5x + 6) = 0$        $x(x+2)(x+3) = 0$        $x = 0, -2 \text{ or } -3$
14.  $x - \frac{3}{x-4} = 2$        $\times (x-4) =$        $x(x-4) - 3 = 2(x-4)$        $x = 1 \text{ or } 5$
15.  $\frac{2}{1-x} = \frac{4}{3x-5}$        $\times (3x-5)(1-x) =$        $2(3x-5) = 4(1-x)$        $x = 1.4$
16.  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{x} = 2.5$        $\times 2x =$        $x^2 + 6 = 5x$        $x = 2 \text{ or } 3$
17.  $(\frac{x}{3} - 3)^2 = 9$        $\frac{x}{3} - 3 = \pm\sqrt{9}$        $x = 3(\pm\sqrt{9} + 3)$        $x = 0 \text{ or } 18$
18.  $\frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{6}{x+5} = 0$        $\times (x+5)(x-2) =$        $2(x+5) + 6(x-2) = 0$        $x = 0.25$
19.  $\frac{x+12}{x+5} = \frac{4}{x}$        $\times x(x+2) =$        $x(x+12) = 4(x+5)$        $x = 2 \text{ or } -10$
20.  $\frac{5}{x+1} + \frac{9}{x-3} = 2$        $\times (x+4)(x-1) =$        $4(x+4) + 2(x-1) = 1(x+4)(x-1)$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 9$$