

A1.

$5x + 10 = 20$ $-10 \quad -10$ $5x = 10$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{10}{5}$ $x = 2$	Check: $5(2) + 10 = 20$ $10 + 10 = 20$ $20 = 20 \quad \text{☺}$
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A2:

$5x - 10 = 20$ $+10 \quad +10$ $5x = 30$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{30}{5}$ $x = 6$	Check: $5(6) - 10 = 20$ $30 - 10 = 20$ $20 = 20 \quad \text{☺}$
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A3

$5x + 10 = -20$ $-10 \quad -10$ $5x = -30$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{-30}{5}$ $x = -6$	Check: $5(-6) + 10 = -20$ $-30 + 10 = -20$ $-20 = -20 \quad \text{☺}$
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A4:

$5x - 10 = -20$ $+10 \quad +10$ $5x = -10$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{-10}{5}$ $x = -2$	Check: $5(-2) - 10 = -20$ $-10 - 10 = -20$ $-20 = -20 \quad \text{☺}$
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B1

$10 - 5x = 20$ $-10 \quad -10$ $-5x = 10$ $\frac{-5x}{-5} = \frac{10}{-5}$ $x = -2$	Check: $10 - 5(-2) = 20$ $10 - (-10) = 20$ $20 = 20 \quad \text{☺}$
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B2

$10 - 5x = -20$ $-10 \quad -10$ $-5x = -30$ $\frac{-5x}{-5} = \frac{-30}{-5}$ $x = 6$	Check: $10 - 5(6) = -20$ $10 - 30 = -20$ $-20 = -20 \quad \text{☺}$
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C1

$4x + 9 = 7x$ $-4x \quad -4x$ $9 = 3x$ $\frac{9}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$ $3 = x$	Check: $4(3) + 9 = 7(3)$ $12 + 9 = 21$ $21 = 21 \quad \text{☺}$
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C2

$4x + 9 = 7x + 3$ $-4x \quad -4x$ $9 = 3x + 3$ $-3 \quad -3$ $6 = 3x$ $\frac{6}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$ $2 = x$	Check: $4(2) + 9 = 7(2) + 3$ $8 + 9 = 14 + 3$ $17 = 17 \quad \text{☺}$
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C3

$4x - 9 = 7x$ $-4x \quad -4x$ $-9 = 3x$ $\frac{-9}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$ $-3 = x$	Check: $4(-3) - 9 = 7(-3)$ $-12 - 9 = -21$ $-21 = -21 \quad \text{☺}$
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C4

$4x - 9 = -7x + 13$ $+9 \quad +9$ $4x = -7x + 22$ $+7x \quad +7x$ $11x = 22$ $\frac{11x}{11} = \frac{22}{11}$ $x = 2$	Check: $4(2) - 9 = -7(2) + 13$ $8 - 9 = -14 + 13$ $-1 = -1 \quad \text{☺}$
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D1

$3(x + 2) = 21$ $3x + 6 = 21$ $-6 \quad -6$ $3x = 15$ $\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{15}{3}$ $x = 5$	Check: $3(5 + 2) = 21$ $3(7) = 21$ $21 = 21 \quad \text{☺}$
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D2

$-3(x - 5) = 2x$ $-3x - (-15) = 2x$ $-3x + 15 = 2x$ $+3x \quad +3x$ $15 = 5x$ $\frac{15}{5} = \frac{5x}{5}$ $3 = x$	Check: $-3(3 - 5) = 2(3)$ $-3(3) - (-3(5)) = 6$ $-9 - (-15) = 6$ $-9 + 15 = 6$ $6 = 6 \quad \text{☺}$
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D3

$5(x + 2) = 6x + 3$ $5x + 10 = 6x + 3$ $-3 \quad -3$ $5x + 7 = 6x$ $-5x \quad -5x$ $7 = x$	Check: $5(7 + 2) = 6(7) + 3$ $35 + 10 = 42 + 3$ $45 = 45 \quad \text{☺}$
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E1

$5x + 10 = 19$ $-10 \quad -10$ $5x = 9$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{9}{5}$ $x = 1.8$	Check: $5(1.8) + 10 = 19$ $9 + 10 = 19$ $19 = 19 \quad \text{☺}$
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E2

$5x + 10 = 9x$ $-5x \quad -5x$ $10 = 4x$ $\frac{10}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$ $2.5 = x$	Check: $5(2.5) + 10 = 9(2.5)$ $12.5 + 10 = 22.5$ $22.5 = 22.5 \quad \text{☺}$
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E3

$5x - 10 = -19$ $+10 \quad +10$ $5x = -9$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{-9}{5}$ $x = -1.8$	Check: $5(-1.8) - 10 = -19$ $-9 - 10 = -19$ $-19 = -19 \quad \text{☺}$
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E4

$5x - 10 = -7x + 1$ $+7x \quad +7x$ $12x - 10 = 1$ $+10 \quad +10$ $12x = 11$ $\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{11}{12}$ $x = \frac{11}{12}$	Check: $5\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) - 10 = -7\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) + 1$ $\frac{55}{12} - \frac{120}{12} = -\frac{77}{12} + \frac{12}{12}$ $-\frac{65}{12} = -\frac{65}{12}$ ☺
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F1. You could graph the equation $5x+10=y$, and then look for the point on the graph where $y = -20$ and find the corresponding x value.

On a table, you could make a table with different values of x and look on the table where y is -20 (you would have to use negative values for x).

F2. It makes no difference what the variable is named. In any case, you solve the equation the same way.