

Solving Addition and Subtraction Equations

Inverse operations are opposite operations that undo each other. Addition and subtraction have an inverse relationship.

1. Use inverse operations to find the value of n in the following equation.

$$n + 5 = 8$$

Since $n + 5$ is equal to 8, subtract 5 from both sides of the equation to find the value of n .

$$\begin{array}{r} n + 5 = 8 \\ - 5 \quad - 5 \\ \hline n = 3 \end{array}$$

Use inverse operations to find the value of the variable in the following equations.

1. $j + 5 = 19$

2. $u + 7 = 15$

3. $p + 13 = 25$

4. $c - 6 = 9$

5. $a + 25 = 31$

6. $v - 18 = 2$

7. **Number Sense** Andrea has an equal number of apples in two baskets. There are $z + 16$ apples in one basket, and 23 apples in the other basket. How many apples should she remove from both baskets to find the value of z ?
