

Solving literal equations uses the same algebra rules that you already know and love. However instead of solving for specific x or y values, when solving a literal equation, you are simply rearranging variables into a more convenient form so that you can plug in values for the variables at a later time. I think your math teacher would have called this “isolating” for a particular variable.

When solving, please do NOT leave fractions in fractions.

1. Solve for y $4y + 2 = 12x$

2. Solve for m $y = mx + b$

3. Solve for L $V = LWH$

4. Solve for B $V = \frac{1}{3}Bh$

5. Solve for F $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$

6. Solve for K $C = K + 273$

7. Solve for m $D = \frac{m}{V}$

8. Solve for V $D = \frac{m}{V}$

9. Solve for T_1 $\frac{P_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2V_2}{T_2}$

10. Solve for r $V = \pi r^2 h$

11. Solve for n $PV = nRT$

12. Substitute $\frac{m}{MM}$ for n into $PV = nRT$, then solve for MM

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13. Solve for y $4y + 2 = 12x$ thus $y = \frac{12x - 2}{4}$

14. Solve for m $y = mx + b$ thus $m = \frac{y - b}{x}$

15. Solve for L $V = LWH$ thus $L = \frac{V}{WH}$

16. Solve for B $V = \frac{1}{3}Bh$ thus $B = \frac{3V}{h}$

17. Solve for F $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$ thus $F = \frac{9C}{5} + 32$

18. Solve for K $C = K + 273$ thus $K = C - 273$

19. Solve for m $D = \frac{m}{V}$ thus $m = DV$

20. Solve for V $D = \frac{m}{V}$ thus $V = \frac{m}{D}$

21. Solve for T_1 $\frac{P_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2V_2}{T_2}$ thus $T_1 = \frac{P_1V_1T_2}{P_2V_2}$

22. Solve for r $V = \pi r^2 h$ thus $r = \sqrt{\frac{V}{\pi h}}$ OR $\left(\frac{V}{\pi h}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

23. Solve for n $PV = nRT$ thus $n = \frac{PV}{RT}$

24. Substitute $\frac{m}{MM}$ for n into $PV = nRT$, then solve for MM

thus $PV = \frac{m}{MM} RT$ then $MM = \frac{mRT}{MM}$