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| Plugging a number in an expression or equation | Substituting a number in an expression or equation |
| Reducing fractions | Rewriting fractions in the lowest terms or simplifying fractions |
| Canceling out | For example, the rational expression $\frac{3x+6}{3}$ can be rewritten as $\frac{3(x+2)}{3}$, then $\frac{3}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2}{1}$. Because $\frac{3}{3}$ has a quotient of 1 and because of the identity property of multiplication, this results in the simplified expression $x + 2$. |
| Getting "rid" of the fraction or decimal or other term in an equation | Often used to create an equivalent equation, you aren't "getting rid of" anything. Instead, you are creating an equivalent equation. For example, $\frac{1}{3}x + 4 = \frac{1}{2}$ becomes $2x + 24 = 3$ by multiplying each term by 6. |
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