Steps to Solving an Equation –

*What is your goal?* To isolate the variable

Ask yourself these questions:

* What is the variable?
* What is the variable with?
* How is it with the variable?
* What is the inverse operation?
* What you do to one side, you do to the other!
* Simplify
* Bring down the variable and the equal sign
* Answer –
  + Variable belongs on the left
  + Variable must be positive

*Did you accomplish your goal?* Then you are done!