

One Step Equation Notes:

- 1) Draw the railroad tracks
- 2) We want to find out what X is.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 10 & = x + 5 \\ - 5 & - 5 \\ \hline 5 & = x \end{array}$$

variable

The 5's cancel out

- 3) Isolate the variable • Get x by itself

(Inverse or "Reverse" Operation) • Do the opposite of the equation
Subtract 5 from both sides

- 4) Solve
- 5) Check your solution

• Substitute 5 in for x

$$10 = x + 5$$

$$10 = 5 + 5 \checkmark$$

HINTS:

*Rule - what you do to one side of the equal sign you must do to the other side of the equal sign

THINK - what am I doing to the variable? In the above equation, we are adding 5 to the variable (x). Think what is the opposite of adding 5. You would then subtract 5 from both sides of the equal sign