

Solve by Taking Square Roots

* Only use when there is no "bx"

1. Get x^2 by itself
2. Take the square root of both sides
3. There will always be a positive + negative answer

Ex $k^2 - 25 = 0$ $(-5)^2 = 25$
 $+25 +25$ $5^2 = 25$
 $\sqrt{k^2} = \sqrt{25}$
 $k = \pm 5 = 5, -5$

Ex 2 $p^2 + 19 = 10$
 $-19 -19$
 $3^2 + 19$
 $9 + 19$
 28 $\sqrt{p^2} = \sqrt{-9}$ $3^2 = 9$
 no real solution

Ex 3 $-3x^2 = -27$
 $-3 -3$
 $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9}$
 $x = \pm 3$ 3 or -3

Ex 2 $\frac{b^2}{2} = 25 \cdot 2$
 $\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{50}$
 $b = \pm \sqrt{50} = \pm 5\sqrt{2}$

Ex 5 $3b^2 - 20 = 88$
 $+20 +20$
 $\frac{3b^2}{3} = \frac{108}{3}$
 $\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{36}$
 $b = \pm 6$

Ex 4 $2h^2 - 42 = -22$
 $+42 +42$
 $\frac{2h^2}{2} = \frac{20}{2}$
 $\sqrt{h^2} = \sqrt{10}$
 $h = \pm \sqrt{10}$

Ex 7 $\frac{4(x+2)^2}{4} = \frac{100}{4}$
 $\sqrt{(x+2)^2} = \sqrt{25}$
 $x+2 = \pm 5$ $-2+5=3$
 $-2-2$ $-2-5=-7$
 $x = 3 \text{ or } -7$

$\frac{5(n+1)^2}{5} = \frac{35}{5}$
 $\sqrt{(n+1)^2} = \sqrt{7}$
 $n+1 = \pm \sqrt{7}$
 $n = -1 \pm \sqrt{7}$
 $-1 + \sqrt{7}$
 $-1 - \sqrt{7}$