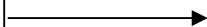
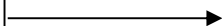


How do you solve equations when the variables are on the SAME SIDE of the equal sign?  
Isolate the variable, and remember: “Don’t Confuse Aunt Sally, My Dear.”

**Distribute** to get  
rid of the  
parentheses.



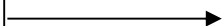
**Combine** like terms  
that are on the same  
side of the equal  
sign. (Combine  
“like” variables and  
then numbers.)



**Add or Subtract:**  
(always do the  
opposite...”I see, I  
will use...”)



**Multiply or Divide**  
(always do the  
opposite...”I see, I  
will use...”)



Example