Two Step Equations and Formulas

1. Using the method we learned yesterday, there may be more we need to do.

$$3m + 14 = -4$$

first move any number not with a letter.

$$3m = -4 - 14$$

$$3m = -18$$

now get rid of the number in front of the letter.

$$\frac{3m}{3} = \frac{-18}{3}$$

$$m = -6$$

2. Solve and check. We can see if we have the right answer by checking that the left side equals the right side.

$$LS = RS$$

$$= -18 + 14$$

3. Rational Coefficients

$$\frac{-5}{6}$$
x = 20

first multiply by 6

$$-5x = 20 \times 6$$

 $-5x = 120$

now divide by -5

$$\frac{-5x}{-5} = \frac{120}{-5}$$

$$x = -24$$