CHAPTER REVIEW

3.4 **Solve Equations with Variables on Both Sides**

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EXAMPLE

Solve the equation, if possible.

a.
$$-2(x-5) = 7-2x$$

Original equation

$$-2x + 10 = 7 - 2x$$

Distributive property

$$-2x + 3 = -2x$$

Subtract 7 from each side.

▶ The equation
$$-2x + 3 = -2x$$
 is not true because the number $-2x$ cannot be equal to 3 more than itself. So, the equation has no solution.

b.
$$5(3-2x) = -(10x-15)$$
 Original equation

$$15 - 10x = -10x + 15$$

Distributive property

$$15 - 10x = 15 - 10x$$

Rearrange terms.

▶ The statement
$$15 - 10x = 15 - 10x$$
 is true for all values of x . So, the equation is an identity.

EXERCISES

Solve the equation, if possible.

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29.
$$-3z - 1 = 8 - 3z$$

30.
$$16 - 2m = 5m + 9$$

31
$$2.9w + 5 = 4.7w - 7.6$$

32.
$$2y + 11.4 = 2.6 - 0.2y$$

33.
$$4(x-3) = -2(6-2x)$$

34.
$$6(2a + 10) = 5(a + 5)$$

35.
$$\frac{1}{12}(48 + 24b) = 2(17 - 4b)$$

36.
$$1.5(n+20) = 0.5(3n+60)$$

$$6x + 5$$

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EXAMPLE

You know that 5 pizzas will feed 20 people. How many pizzas do you need to order to feed 88 people?

$$\frac{5}{20} = \frac{x}{88}$$
 — number of pizzas number of people

$$88 \cdot \frac{5}{20} = 88 \cdot \frac{x}{88}$$
 Multiply each side by 88.

$$22 = x$$
 Simplify.

You need to order 22 pizzas.