

# SOLVING EQUATIONS

$$? + 5 = 8$$

The ? wants to be all alone.

Step 1: Find out who needs to move.

Step 2: Draw a box around them.

Step 3: Move them across the = river.

Step 4: Remember to change the sign.

Step 5: Clean it up.

Step 1:  $? + 5 = 8$

Step 2:  $? \boxed{+ 5} = 8$

Step 3:  $? \blacksquare = 8 \boxed{- 5}$

^ Step 4

Step 5:  $? = 8 - 5$