

SOLVING EQUATIONS

$$5 - ? = 4$$

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 signs.

Step 5: Clean it up.

Step 1: $5 - ? = 4$

Step 2: $5 \boxed{- ?} = \boxed{4}$

Step 3: $5 \blacksquare \boxed{-4} = \blacksquare \boxed{+ ?}$

^ Step 4

Step 5: $5 - 4 = ?$