

Subtracting $5x$ from both sides is the best first step.	Subtracting $7x$ from both sides is the best first step.
$5x + 11 = 6x - 8$	$7x - 12 = 8 + 6x$
Subtracting $6x$ from both sides is the best first step.	Subtracting $6x$ from both sides is the best first step.
Subtracting $9x$ from both sides is the best first step.	Subtracting 11 from both sides is the best first step.
$9x + 32 = 5x$	$11 - 4x = 6x + 1$
Subtracting $5x$ from both sides is the best first step.	Adding $4x$ to both sides is the best first step.
Subtracting x from both sides is the best first step.	Adding $3x$ to both sides is the best first step.
$x - 7 = x - 8$	$14 + x = 28 - 3x$
Adding 7 to both sides is the best first step.	Subtracting 14 from both sides is the best first step.