An Equation Mat can be used together with algebra tiles to represent the process of solving an equation. For assistance with Lesson 3.2.1, see Lessons A.1.1 through A.1.9 in this Parent Guide with Extra Practice.

See the Math Notes box in Lesson A.1.8 (in the Appendix chapter of the textbook) and in Lesson 3.2.1 for a list of all the “legal” moves and their corresponding algebraic equivalents. Also see the Math Notes box in Lesson A.1.9 (in the Appendix chapter of the textbook) for checking a solution.

For additional examples and practice, see the Checkpoint 1 materials at the back of the textbook.