## Writing and Solving Equations

Linear Equations are written in the form: $\qquad$
a.) $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{m}$, and $\mathbf{b}$ represent $\qquad$
b.) $\mathbf{x}$ remains as a variable and represents the $\qquad$
c.) When graphed, linear equations from a $\qquad$ line because a constant amount if either being added or subtracted.

## Steps:

1. $\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$

## Examples:

Example 1: Samuel has $\$ 1900$ in the bank. He wishes to increase his account to a total of $\$ 2500$ by depositing $\$ 30$ per week from his paycheck. Write and solve an equation to find how many weeks he needs to save in order to reach his goal.


Example 2: The Pet Supply Store has the following items for sale listed in the table to the right. Caroline spent $\$ 68.00$. She purchased a leash and some t-shirts. How many t-shirts was she able to purchase?

| Item | Cost |
| :---: | :---: |
| Collar | $\$ 4.50$ |
| Chew Bone | $\$ 3.00$ |
| Doggy T-Shirt | $\$ 6.25$ |
| Leash | $\$ 5.50$ |
| Frisbee | $\$ 3.25$ |



Initial Value
Total


Your Turn \#1: A cell phone plan costs $\$ 39.95$ plus $\$ 0.35$ per minute. If your bill costs $\$ 69.70$, how many minutes were used throughout the month?


Your Turn \#2: Casey has a small business making dessert baskets. She estimates that her fixed weekly costs for rent and electricity are $\$ 200$. The ingredients for one dessert basket cost $\$ 2.50$. If Casey made 40 baskets this past week, what were her total weekly costs? Her total costs for the week before were $\$ 562.50$. How many dessert baskets did she make the week before?


