

You may have added 1 as your first step. This will *not* leave you with  $3x$  on the left side of the equation. You need to *subtract* 1 from both sides of the equation to isolate the variable term. Then you may have multiplied by 3. If you have  $3x$  alone on the left side, you would need to *divide* both sides by 3 to isolate the variable.