

You may have correctly rewritten the equation as  $(5x - 2)^2 = 45$ , and then mistakenly thought that if you divided by 5 you would get  $\left(x - \frac{2}{5}\right)^2 = 9$ . This is the result of an incorrect order of operations. Instead, use the Square Root Property to get  $5x - 2 = \pm\sqrt{45}$ , simplify the radical, and solve for  $x$ .