## SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

**SCIENTIFIC NOTATION (or STANDARD FORM) consists of:** 

a number between 1 and 10 multiplied by 10 to a power

e.g. 
$$24\,500\,000 = 2.45 \times 10^7$$

$$0.000988 = 9.88 \times 10^{-4}$$



## **STEPS:**

- BALANCE the equation by performing the same operation to each side e.g.
  - ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY or DIVIDE
- Write the letter  ${\bf x}$  in italics,  ${\bf x}$  , so that it is different from the multiplication sign
- Only use one = per line and place the = beneath each other

## **WORKED EXAMPLE**

Solve 
$$2x + 3 = 10$$

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Subtract 3 from both sides 
$$2x = 7$$

Divide both sides by 2 
$$x = 3.5$$