

Substitution Method 2

When y is not by itself you have to arrange it first before substituting.

$$\text{ex 1) } \begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 8 \\ x + y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Steps:

1. Rearrange one equation so x or y is by itself.

$$x = -y + 5$$

2. Then substitute into the other equation and solve for x .

$$2(-y + 5) + y = 8$$

$$-2y + 10 + y = 8$$

$$-y = -2$$

$$y = 2$$

3. Take your answer for x or y and sub into either equation to find the coordinate.

$$x + 2 = 5$$

$$x = 3$$

4. Write as a coordinate point together (x, y) .

$$(3, 2)$$

ex 2) $5x - y = 8$
 $2x + 2y = 8$

$5x - 8 = y$

$2x + 2(5x - 8) = 8$

$2x + 10x - 16 = 8$

$\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{24}{12}$

$x = 2$

$5(2) - y = 8$

$10 - y = 8$

$10 - 8 = y$

$y = 2$

$(2, 2)$