

$$x - 2 = \sqrt{x + 10}$$

Which of the following values of x is a solution to the equation above?

- A. -1 $-1 - 2 = \sqrt{-1 + 10}$
- B. 1 $-3 = \sqrt{9}$
- C. 2
- D. 6

Guess & check

(D)

$$\checkmark 6 - 2 = \sqrt{6 + 10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x-2)^2 &= (\sqrt{x+10})^2 \\ x^2 - 4x + 4 &= x + 10 \\ x^2 - 4x - x &= 10 - 4 \\ x^2 - 5x &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

(2) P.T.

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = 6 & -6 \cancel{|} \\ 2 \cdot 3 = 6 & -5 \cancel{|} \\ (x-6)(x+1) & = 0 \\ x-6=0 & x+1=0 \\ x=6 & x=\cancel{-1} \end{array}$$