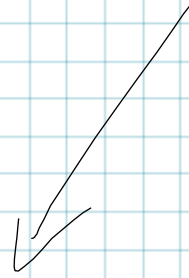


* Solve

$$\frac{15}{-3} = \frac{-3a}{-3}$$

$$15 = -3a$$

$$\boxed{-5 = a}$$



$$\frac{27}{4} = \frac{-3a}{-3}$$

$$\frac{\frac{27}{4}}{-3} = \frac{27}{4} \div (-3) = \frac{27}{4} \cdot -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{\cancel{3}}\right)}_{\textcircled{1}} \cdot \frac{\overset{\textcircled{9}}{27}}{\textcircled{4}} = -\frac{\overset{1}{\cancel{3}}a}{\underset{1}{\cancel{3}}} \left(-\frac{1}{\cancel{3}}\right)$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{9}{4} = a}$$