



A **variable, or unknown**, is a letter symbol that can take any value.  
 A number on its own is called a **constant**.  
 A **coefficient** is a number that is multiplied by the variable. These should be written as a fraction rather than a decimal where needed. ( $4x$  means 4 times  $x$ , so 4 is the coefficient).  
 An **operator** is a symbol (such as +, x, etc) that shows an operation.

**Term** a constant, a variable, or a constant multiplied by a variable or variables.

$$\sqrt{3}a \quad p^2 \quad 3.7d \quad 9b \quad \frac{1}{2}x \quad 3\pi$$

**Equation** has an equals sign and may have one or more solutions.  
 $3x - 7 = 11$

$3(x + 2) \equiv 3x + 6$  **Identity** – the two sides are equal for every value of the variable.

$$4p^2 - 3.2q$$

**Expression** is a term or a collection of terms with no equals sign.

$$F = ma$$

Times Tables

- 1 x 6 = 6
- 2 x 6 = 12
- 3 x 6 = 18
- 4 x 6 = 24
- 5 x 6 = 30
- 6 x 6 = 36
- 7 x 6 = 42
- 8 x 6 = 48
- 9 x 6 = 54
- 10 x 6 = 60
- 11 x 6 = 66
- 12 x 6 = 72
- 1 x 9c = 9c
- 2e x 9 = 18e
- 3 x 9d = 27d
- 4f x 9 = 36f
- 5s x 9 = 45s
- 6 x 9s = 54s
- 7j x 9 = 63j
- 8 x 9u = 72u
- 9 x 9y = 81y
- 10 x 9r = 90r
- 11r x 9 = 99r
- 12e x 9 = 108e

Meaning of Algebraic Terms

- $3d$  means 3 x d
- $\frac{3}{a}$  means 3 divided by a
- $b^2$  means b x b
- $t^3$  means t x t x t
- $3bc$  means 3 x b x c
- $4s^3$  means 4 x s x s x s

Meaning of Symbols

- = is equal
- $\equiv$  is identical to
- $\neq$  is not equal to
- $\geq$  is greater than or equal to
- $>$  is greater than
- $\leq$  is less than or equal to
- $<$  is less than

Important Sequences

	Term to term rule	nth term	
Odd numbers	+ 2	$2n \pm 1$	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...
Even numbers	+ 2	$2n$	2, 4, 6, 8, ...
Multiples of 3	+3	$3n$	3, 6, 9, 12 ...
Square numbers	Add consecutive odd numbers	$n^2$	1, 4, 9, 16...
Triangle numbers	Add consecutive numbers	$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$	1, 3, 6, 10, ...
Prime numbers	Nobody knows... YET!		2, 3, 5, 7, 11, ...
Fibonacci numbers	Add the two previous terms	Only approximations	1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ...