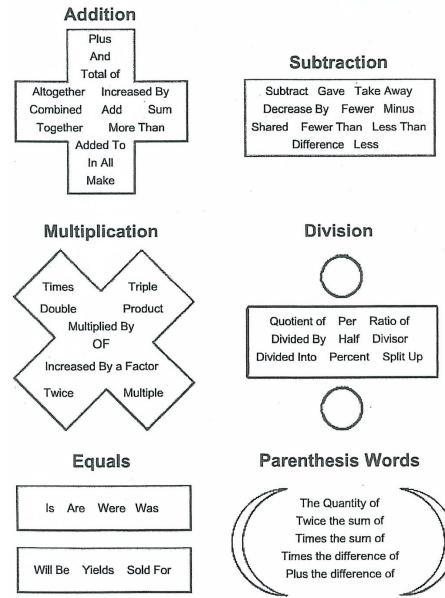
Words and Phrases to Math Symbols

Words can be translated into math symbols to form expressions and equations. Here is a list of key words to look for.



Writing Algebraic Expressions

Translating words into math symbols or math symbols into words can be done in many ways. Here are just a few examples.

Operation	Verbal Expressions	Algebraic Expressions
+	 add 3 to a number a number plus three the sum of a number and 3 3 more than a number a number increased by 3 	n + 3
-	 subtract 12 from a number a number minus 12 the difference of a number and 12 12 less than a number a number decreased by 12 take away 12 from a number a number less 12 	x – 12
X	-2 times a number -2 multiplied by a number -the product of 2 and a number	2m or 2 ⋅ m
÷	 - 6 divided into a number - a number divided by 6 - the quotient of a number and 6 	a ÷ 6

Example:

Translate the words into math symbols.

1) add 43 to a number, n

43 + n

2) a number, w decreased by 12.

w – 12

- 3) 8 less than a number y
 - y 8

Translating Words to Math