

It's important to know the right math vocabulary when speaking about mathematics in class. This page provides math vocabulary for basic calculations.

Basic Math Vocabulary

+ - plus

Example:

$$2 + 2$$

Two plus two

- - minus

Example:

$$6 - 4$$

Six minus four

x **OR** * - times

Example:

$$5 \times 3 \text{ OR } 5 * 3$$

Five times three

= - equals

Example:

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Two plus two equals four.

< - is less than

Example:

$$7 < 10$$

Seven is less than ten.

> - is greater than

Example:

$$12 > 8$$

Twelve is greater than eight.

≤ - is less than or equal to

Example:

$$4 + 1 \leq 6$$

Four plus one is less than or equal to six.

\geq - is more than or equal to

Example:

$$5 + 7 \geq 10$$

Five plus seven is equal to or greater than ten.

\neq - is not equal to

Example:

$$12 \neq 15$$

Twelve is not equal to fifteen.

/ **OR** \div - divided by

Example:

$$4 / 2 \text{ OR } 4 \div 2$$

four divided by two

$1/2$ - one half

Example:

$$1 \frac{1}{2}$$

One and one half

$1/3$ - one third

Example:

$$3 \frac{1}{3}$$

Three and one third

$1/4$ - one quarter

Example:

$$2 \frac{1}{4}$$

Two and one quarter

$5/9, 2/3, 5/6$ - five ninths, two thirds, five sixths

Example:

4 2/3

Four and two thirds

% - percent

Example:

98%

Ninety eight percent