

## 1.1.1 Operations

There are four basic operations that are carried out with numbers as well as different types of **brackets**

Addition	+	to find the <b>sum</b>	parentheses(US) round brackets	( )
Subtraction	−	to find the <b>difference</b>	square brackets	[ ]
Multiplication	×	to find the <b>product</b>	curly brackets	{ }
Division	÷	to find the <b>quotient</b>	minus ten (UK and US) negative ten (US)	−10

**Exercise 14** Can you **find out** the **algebraic expressions** matching the following **word expression**?

five take away sixteen .....	7 divided by $x$ .....
ten more than twelve .....	$p$ decreased by 11 .....
divide $x$ by 6 .....	<b>ratio</b> of length to time .....
times six by seven .....	one fifth of $x$ .....
two by four .....	two plus five all squared .....
7 divides $x$ .....	two times all of three minus seven .....

**Exercise 15** — 🗣️. Write down expressions as said by the teacher. Don't do any of the **computations(US)**<sup>2</sup>

**Exercise 16** — 🧑🏫 🗣️ **Work in pairs.** One of you will read an expression and your partner will write it down and evaluate it. Don't show your paper. Spell when necessary. Then change roles.

Student A reads and student B writes	Student A writes and student B reads
$5 \times 3 + 2 =$	$5(3 + 2) =$
$7 \times 3 - 10 =$	$10 - (5 + 3) =$
$12 - (2 + 5) =$	$12^2 - 5^2 =$
$(11 - 5)(11 + 5) =$	$5^3 - 2^3 =$
$3 \times 5^2 =$	$(5 \times 2)^2 =$
$5 - (2 \times 3)^2 =$	$(7 - 3)^4 - 10 =$

**Exercise 17** — **Riddle.** Swap two digits to restore the correct equation.

1	+	6	×	6	÷	3	=	6	+	4
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<sup>2</sup>calculations(UK)

Let's watch "Order of Operation" with Phd Kelsey Houston-Edwards <https://youtu.be/r1cw3Yc6DZo>.

**Exercise 18** American students learn the acronym **PEMDAS** to remember the order of operations:

**P** stands for: perform operations within ..... first.

**E** stands for: calculate any part involving ..... (powers and roots)

**MD** stands for: starting from the left, perform all ..... as you come to them.


Finally **AS** stands for: working from the left, perform all .....

A way to remember the order of operations is with the sentence:

"Please Excuse .....".

**Furthermore**

- If an expression contains more than one set of brackets, evaluate the innermost brackets first.
- The division line of fractions behaves like a set of brackets.

 Students in the UK use **B**rackets and **I**ndices, the order of operations rule is referred to as **BIDMAS**.

**Exercise 19 — A viral math problem.** People argued on social media whether the result of  $6 \div 2(1 + 2)$  is 9 or rather 1. Can you explain the different results? How would PEDMAS apply?

**Exercise 20 —**  Read out loud then evaluate:

$$A = 5 - 8 \times 4$$

$$B = 4(5 - 8)^2$$

$$C = 2 \times 3^3 - |7 - 11|$$

$$D = 2 - |2 - 3| - 11 \times 2$$

Let's watch "Real numbers" with Phd Kelsey Houston-Edwards <https://youtu.be/eTcUg8YoTTA>.

**Exercise 21** Complete

$\mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is the set of .....  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is the set of .....

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots - 3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is .....

$\mathbb{R}$  is .....  $\mathbb{Q}$  is .....

$\pi$  (to be pronounced "pie") is .....

**Exercise 22 — Riddle.** Using all characters one time each, write down a true equation.

2	3	4	5	+	=
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