## 1.1.1 Operations

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

Addition
Subtraction
Multiplication
Division

to find the sum
to find the difference
to find the product
to find the quotient

parentheses(US) round brackets square brackets curly brackets

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

ten more than twelve

divide x by 6

times six by seven

two by four

7 divides x

7 divided by x... p decreased by 11 ...

ratio of length to time ...

one fifth of x ...

two plus five all squared ...

two times all of three minus seven ...

**Exercise 15** —  $\mathbb{P}$ . 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 and 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

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 $5 \times 3 + 2 =$  $7 \times 3 - 10 =$ 

$$12 - (2 + 5) =$$

$$(11-5)(11+5) =$$

$$3 \times 5^2 =$$

$$5 - (2 \times 3)^2 =$$

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

1

+

6

×

6

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3

=

6

+

4

<sup>2</sup>calculations(UK)

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

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 Brackets and Iindices, 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 resutls? How would PEDMAS apply?

**Exercise 20** — **\mathbb{R}**. Read out loud then evaluate:

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

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

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

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  $B = 4(5 - 8)^2$   $C = 2 \times 3^3 - |7 - 11|$   $D = 2 - |2 - 3| - 11 \times 2$ 

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

**Exercise 21** Complete

 $\mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$  is the set if ......  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$  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 pronouced "pie") is ......

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

2 3 4 5 +